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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON NOVEMBER 23, 2010 BEGINS ON PAGE 214.]**

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS
7 MORNING'S MEETING. OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY
8 THE REVEREND NEAL NUEUENSCHWANDER, IF I DIDN'T PRONOUNCED THAT
9 CORRECTLY. OH GOOD. HE'S FROM THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN
10 SAN PEDRO. OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED
11 BY DEFOREEST WRIGHT, JR. WHO IS A COMMANDER WITH THE WILL
12 ROGERS POST 539. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND? REVEREND?

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14 **REV. NEAL NUEUENSCHWANDER:** LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS AND HOLY GOD.
15 IN THIS WEEK THAT OUR NATION HAS DECLARED A DAY FOR
16 THANKSGIVING WE HAVE SO MANY REASONS TO GIVE THANKS. WE THANK
17 YOU FOR THE GREAT DIVERSITY OF OUR COUNTY. DOZENS OF
18 LANGUAGES, CULTURES, CUISINES AND ETHNIC GROUPS. WE THANK YOU
19 FOR THE ENGINEERS WHOSE BRILLIANCE AND HARD WORK BUILT
20 RESERVOIRS AND CANALS THAT SUPPORT 11 MILLION PEOPLE IN THIS
21 SEMI-ARID PLACE. WE THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERS AROUND US, FROM
22 BROAD BEACHES ON THE WEST TO HIGH MOUNTAINS ON THE EAST, SEA
23 CLIFFS ON THE SOUTH, THE SCENIC CANYONS ON THE NORTH. THE VERY
24 LAND AROUND US SINGS YOUR PRAISE. AS WE EAT RICH FOODS THIS
25 WEEK, LORD, HELP US TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY. AS WE



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1 GATHER WITH FRIENDS OR LOVED ONES, HELP US TO REMEMBER THOSE
2 WHO ARE LONELY. AS WE TAKE A BREAK FROM WORK, HELP US REMEMBER
3 THOSE WHO CRAVE WORK. AS WE GO TO BED IN PEACE, HELP US
4 REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE NO PLACE TO SLEEP. THEN STIR US TO
5 COMPASSION OUT OF GRATITUDE AND PRAISE TO SHARE THE MANY GIFTS
6 WE HAVE RECEIVED SO THAT OTHERS MAY PRAISE YOU FOR OUR SERVICE
7 IN THE WORLD AS WE ASK IT IN YOUR HOLY NAME, AMEN.

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9 **DEFOREEST WRIGHT, JR.:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AND JOIN ME IN
10 SAYING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG. [PLEDGE OF
11 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE? THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
16 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S A PLEASURE FOR ME TO WELCOME AND TO
17 THANK REVEREND NEAL NUEUENSCHWANDER. I'VE BEEN PRACTICING THAT
18 ALL MORNING. PASTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SAN
19 PEDRO. HE'S A NATIVE OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. HE HAS SERVED
20 SEVERAL CHURCHES IN EAST TENNESSEE AND WESTERN WASHINGTON
21 BEFORE ACCEPTING SAN PEDRO'S CALL IN 2004. DURING HIS TENURE
22 HERE, THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HAS CONTINUED TO EXPAND ITS
23 OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY ITS THANKSGIVING
24 BASKET DRIVE WHICH WILL FEED OVER 6,000 PEOPLE THIS WEEK. SO
25 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE RESIDENTS OF OUR



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1 GREAT COUNTY, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME DURING
2 A VERY, VERY BUSY WEEK FOR YOU AND YOUR CHURCH AND YOUR
3 CONGREGATION TO LEAD US IN THE INVOCATION. THANK YOU VERY
4 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO
9 PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE TO DEFOREEST WRIGHT JR. WHO LED US IN
10 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. MR. WRIGHT IS
11 REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN LEGION WILL ROGERS POST NO. 539,
12 WHICH HE HOLDS THE TITLE OF COMMANDER. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED
13 STATES ARMY FROM 1963 THROUGH '66 AS A SPECIALIST FOURTH
14 CLASS. SERVED IN THE FIRST BATTALION, 28TH ARTILLERY UNIT IN
15 GERMANY. AND HE IS -- MR. WRIGHT IS A CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINER
16 FOR THE LOS ANGELES CITY DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER. I HAVE
17 SOME THINGS I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU ABOUT WATER AND POWER
18 LATER. HE'S MARRIED TO HIS WIFE, SHARON, HIS MARRIAGE OF 38
19 YEARS. HE'S LIVED IN OUR DISTRICT FOR 20 YEARS IN NORTH HILLS.
20 HE IS A GRADUATE OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY HIGH SCHOOL HERE IN LOS
21 ANGELES, AND ALSO A GRADUATE OF LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE.
22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. WRIGHT, FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE
23 THIS MORNING. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION.
24 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE
6 MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM NO. 1-H, AS
7 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
8 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED
9 BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 4, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS NO. 1
14 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM NO. 2, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
15 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO
16 DECEMBER 7, 2010. ON ITEM NO. 3, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
17 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO
18 DECEMBER 7, 2010. AND ON ITEM NO. 4, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
19 WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION
20 TO DECEMBER 7, 2010. THE REMAINING ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC
21 HEARING WILL BE HELD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 8,
22 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 13 THROUGH
23 19. ON ITEM NO. 14, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
24 THE REWARD AMOUNT SHOULD BE \$20,000 INSTEAD OF \$10,000. ON
25 ITEM NO. 17, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC



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1 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
6 SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 23. ON
9 ITEM NO. 20, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE, AND
10 THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
11 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 21, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS FROM THE
12 VOTE AND ALSO THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
13 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 22, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
14 AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION REQUESTS THAT
15 THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM NO. 23 -
16 -

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ITEM WAS THAT?

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 22. ON ITEM NO. 23, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
21 VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. AND THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
22 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING
23 OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
24 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. YES, YOUR --

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME FIRST MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
4 OF FRANCES DE PIETRO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97.

5 FRANCES WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY. SHE AND MY MOTHER
6 SERVED ON THE ELECTION BOARD FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. SHE WAS
7 THE ELECTIONS OFFICER.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, IT'S ALL RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD POLLING PLACE. AND SHE
12 IS SURVIVED BY HER SONS, ROBERT AND DENNIS; AND HER THREE
13 CHILDREN. BESSIE BERRY, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE
14 VALLEY, QUITE INVOLVED IN THE FAMILY FARM AND AUTO PARK AND
15 WITH THE BANK OF AMERICA AND SANTA BARBARA SAVINGS. AND I'LL
16 DO THE REST AFTER MY PRESENTATIONS.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO YOU'LL DO YOUR
19 PRESENTATIONS?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE JUST HAVE TWO LITTLE PUSSYCATS, A LITTLE
22 BROTHER AND SISTER. THEY'RE SAM AND MISTY, WHO ARE DOMESTIC
23 SHORT HAIRS. THEY'RE FIVE MONTHS OLD. THIS IS MISTY. HERE IS
24 SAM. SO ANYWAY, LITTLE SAM AND MISTY ARE LOOKING FOR A HOME.



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1 ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT THEM, 562-728-4644, AND THEY CAN BE
2 YOURS. DO A LITTLE SET FOR THANKSGIVING. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I DO HAVE A
5 PRESENTATION. I'M GOING TO ASK A GOOD FRIEND TO COME UP AND
6 JOIN US. GOOD MORNING. HOW ARE YOU? GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU SO
7 MUCH. HI THERE. IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING. WE ARE PAYING
8 TRIBUTE TO MR. TONY CARTAGENA, WHO RECENTLY RETIRED AFTER 35
9 YEARS OF DEDICATED COUNTY SERVICE. JOINING HIM TODAY ARE OF
10 COURSE HIS WIFE, NORI; AND SON, JASON; AND BROTHER, CLARO.
11 NICE TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE. PRIOR TO IMMIGRATING TO THE UNITED
12 STATES IN 1975, TONY SERVED AS A HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
13 EDUCATOR. IN 1976, HE BEGAN HIS COUNTY CAREER WITH THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. HIS EXEMPLARY WORK ETHIC AS
15 WELL AS HIS LEADERSHIP SKILLS EARNED HIM NUMEROUS PROMOTIONS.
16 HE MOVED UP THE RANKS AND EVENTUALLY PROMOTED AS SUPERVISING
17 PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES CONTROL WORKER. HE RECEIVED MANY
18 COMMENDATIONS THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER AND HE NEVER FAILED TO GO
19 THE EXTRA MILE. OVER THE YEARS, HE HAS COORDINATED AN
20 ABUNDANCE OF MEMORABLE ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH EFFORTS THAT
21 HAVE ENHANCED EMPLOYEE MORALE. WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE TONY'S
22 OUTSTANDING CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS, AS WELL. HE CERTAINLY WAS A
23 GREAT HELP TO ME AND MY OFFICE WHEN WE INHERITED THE CITY OF
24 WALNUT INTO THE FIRST DISTRICT. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE
25 MAYOR OF WALNUT AND HAS ALSO SERVED AS WELL AS THE PLANNING



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1 COMMISSIONER AND THE WALNUT FAMILY FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN. HIS
2 BOARDS AND COUNCILS INCLUDE THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES,
3 THE WALNUT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, FOOTHILL TRANSIT, L.A.
4 COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT AND THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES,
5 AMONGST ALL OF THEM. AS YOU CAN TELL, TONY HAS STILL AN AWFUL
6 LOT OF ENERGY. HE KEEPS GOING AND GOING AND GOING. BUT WE ARE
7 VERY PROUD TODAY TO HONOR HIS CONTRIBUTION AS A PUBLIC SERVANT
8 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY. CONGRATULATIONS, TONY. THANK YOU. GOOD JOB.
10 [APPLAUSE.] I'M GOING TO ASK TONY TO SHARE A FEW WORDS, IF YOU
11 WOULD.

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13 **TONY CARTAGENA:** GOOD MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WALNUT,
14 I WOULD LIKE TO GREET THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE COMMUNITY
15 MEMBERS. A BOUNTY OF BLESSINGS THIS COMING THANKSGIVING DAY. I
16 WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SPECIAL THANKS TO THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS, MOST IMPORTANTLY TO CHAIRPERSON OF BOARD, GLORIA
18 MOLINA FOR RECOGNIZING MY 35 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE AND MY
19 INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, LIKE THE
20 MAYOR, THE MAYOR PRO TEM, PLANNING, FAMILY FESTIVAL CHAIR,
21 REPRESENTATIVE FROM DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, AMONG
22 OTHER THINGS. I WOULD LIKE ALSO TO THANK MY FAMILY MEMBERS, MY
23 FRIENDS, MY WIFE, NORI, WHO IS RETIRED FROM THE L.A. TIMES, MY
24 INSPIRATION AND MY MENTOR. MY SON, JASON. HE IS A DEPUTY FOR
25 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY DAUGHTER, WHO CANNOT COME, SHE IS A



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1 NURSE. AND MY BROTHER, CLARO, HE IS A RETIRED IN THE
2 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAPPY
3 THANKSGIVING. GOD BLESS WALNUT, GOD BLESS AMERICA. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL NEXT WE'RE GOING TO HONOR A SERIES OF
6 DEPARTMENTS AND LEADERS WITHIN THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE
7 BEEN A PART OF WINNING SOME AWARDS. THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
8 -- OR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, N.A.C.O. AS WE
9 KNOW IT, EACH YEAR ACKNOWLEDGES INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT
10 MODERNIZE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND INCREASE SERVICES TO COUNTY
11 RESIDENTS. THIS YEAR, 52 ENTRIES WERE SUBMITTED AND MORE THAN
12 50 PERCENT OF THOSE PROJECTS WERE HONORED. OUR C.E.O., BILL,
13 IS GOING TO COME UP AND JOIN WITH ME. HE IS VERY PROUD, AS WE
14 ALL ARE, OF THE WORK THAT THESE DEPARTMENTS HAVE DONE. BUT
15 MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK THAT WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK
16 THEY DO EVERY SINGLE DAY AND THE LEADERSHIP THEY PRESENT. SO
17 MANY OF THEM, THEY HAVE THEY ARE PLAQUES. THEY HAVE THEIR
18 PLAQUES AND THEIR AWARDS WITH THEM THAT THEY'RE GOING TO
19 SHOWCASE. BUT LET ME BEGIN BY PRESENTING A COUPLE OF THEM.
20 FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE THE HIGHEST AWARD, WHICH IS A TRICOUNTY
21 AWARD THAT WAS PRESENTED TO N.A.C.O. TO OUR REGISTRAR-
22 RECORDER, WHICH IS OUR COUNTY CLERK, DEAN LOGAN. DEAN, COME ON
23 UP. DEAN COLLABORATED WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, RIVERSIDE AND
24 SAN DIEGO ON THE SECURE PROJECT, A MULTI-COUNTY ELECTRONIC
25 DOCUMENT RECORDING SYSTEM WHICH REDUCES COUNTY COSTS AND



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1 ALLOWS A SEAMLESS SUBMITTAL PROCESS FOR ALL OF THE COMPANIES.
2 WELL-DONE, CONGRATULATIONS TO DEAN. WHAT AN HONOR. GOOD JOB.
3 [APPLAUSE.] AGAIN, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND HOW THE EFFICIENCY AND
4 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUCH A PROGRAM, HE'S VERY DESERVING OF
5 THAT AWARD. SO LET ME BEGIN WITH SOME OF THE OTHER
6 DEPARTMENTS. WE'RE GOING TO START WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.
7 AGAIN, THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
8 ACT, THEY CREATED THE SELF-CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. JOIN ME IN
9 CONGRATULATING THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE.] ALL
10 RIGHT. OUR C.E.O. WON AN AWARD, AS WELL. THEY WON IN THEIR
11 DIVISION FOR THE EFFICIENCY INITIATIVE AND STEPS TO EXCELLENCE
12 PROJECT. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU.
13 NOW I'M GOING TO BRING OUT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
14 FAMILY SERVICES. AND THEY WON THEIR AWARD FOR THE LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY VISITATION CENTERS. THEY ARE SERVICE PLANNING AREAS FOR
16 THE COMPTON OFFICE AND THE PREVENTION INITIATIVE DEMONSTRATION
17 PROJECT, AS WELL. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENTIRE TEAM. GOOD
18 JOB. [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS. IN THAT PROJECT, I HAVE TO
19 DO A SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT, BECAUSE THAT WAS THE PROJECT THAT
20 WE SUBMITTED, RIGHT, MARTHA? OUR OFFICE WAS INVOLVED IN -- I
21 SHOULD JUST SHOWCASE IT, THE FOSTER YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM
22 THAT WE RECEIVED A N.A.C.O. AWARD FOR. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF
23 THAT AND WANT TO THANK MARTHA FOR THAT RECOGNITION, AS WELL. I
24 ALWAYS SAY MY STAFF MAKE ME LOOK VERY GOOD. THEY DO AN AWFUL
25 LOT OF HARD WORK. BUT I THINK THAT'S TRUE OF ALL OF OUR



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1 EMPLOYEES AS FAR AS THE WORK THAT THEY DO IN WINNING THESE
2 AWARDS. NEXT WE HAVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
3 THEY WON IN THE CATEGORY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCE. DO I
4 HAVE THE WRONG ONE? OH, I SEE, WE DIDN'T TAKE A PICTURE OF THE
5 OTHER ONE. ALL RIGHT, COME ON BACK. MY LIST IS LIKE DON'T TURN
6 THE PAGE YET, GLORIA. THIS IS A SEPARATE AWARD FOR THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES. THIS WAS FOR THE EDUCATION
8 PILOT, WHICH I SAID WERE THE PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES THAT WE
9 WON. WE WERE HOPING TO TAKE THIS COUNTY-WIDE EVENTUALLY,
10 RIGHT? THIS TEAM HAS HAD TO SIT WITH ME PRETTY REGULARLY,
11 WHICH THEY DON'T APPRECIATE MUCH, BECAUSE WE KEEP GOING
12 THROUGH IT AND TRYING TO PERFECT IT AND MAKE IT BETTER. IT IS
13 TRYING TO GET BETTER OUTCOMES SO THAT EVERY SINGLE FOSTER
14 CHILD HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL
15 AND HOPEFULLY GO ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION. AND HOPEFULLY OTHER
16 COUNTIES WILL ADOPT THE SAME PROJECT. SO LET ME TURN AROUND
17 AND TAKE A PICTURE. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
18 [APPLAUSE.] NOW I CAN TURN THE PAGE. ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE HAVE
19 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THEY WON IN THEIR
20 CATEGORY ON THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCE WEBSITE AND THE
21 CALL CENTER AS WELL AS THE ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER FOR SENIOR
22 PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT, AS WELL. JOIN ME IN THANKING THE
23 DEPARTMENT, THE COMMISSION. [APPLAUSE.] NOW, THERE ARE A LOT
24 OF FOLKS. AND WHY? BECAUSE WE DID SO WELL IN WINNING THESE
25 AWARDS, AND THEY DESERVE ALL OF OUR ATTENTION ON ALL OF IT.



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1 NEXT WE HAVE CONSUMER AFFAIRS, T.T.C. AND C.S.S., AGAIN,
2 SAVING SENIOR HOMES FROM PROPERTY TAX DEFAULT. AND THEY DID A
3 TERRIFIC JOB. WELL, I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT LIST, OBVIOUSLY. SO
4 I WILL READ IT FROM HERE. C.D.C. ALSO FOR THE ASSISTED LIVING
5 WAIVER IN SENIOR PUBLIC HOUSING. ALL RIGHT. SORRY. NOW I'VE
6 GOT THE RIGHT GROUP, I THINK. CONSUMER AFFAIRS, T.C.C. AND
7 C.S.S. AND AGAIN, SAVING SENIOR HOMES FROM PROPERTY TAX
8 DEFAULT. COME UP AND JOIN ME, PLEASE. THIS WAS A COLLABORATIVE
9 EFFORT FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. AGAIN, PLEASE GIVE THEM A
10 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WE NEED TO CONGRATULATE THEM. THEY DID A
11 TERRIFIC JOB. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I'M GOING TO BRING UP THE
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, THE CHILD SUPPORT ARREST WARRANT PROGRAM.
13 AGAIN, A VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY DADDIES
14 AND MOMMIES AREN'T TAKING CARE OF THEIR CHILDREN. SO THIS IS A
15 TEAM THAT HAS DEVELOPED A VERY GOOD PROGRAM IN THAT REGARD,
16 AND THEY SAVE MANY FAMILIES BECAUSE OF THE DOLLARS THAT THEY
17 RESCUE AND RECEIVE FROM RESPONSIBLE PARENTS. SO JOIN ME IN
18 CONGRATULATING THEM FOR THEIR AWARD. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU.
19 AGAIN A GREAT TEAM THAT PUT THAT TOGETHER. NEXT WE HAVE THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND THEIRS WAS FOR ACCESS FOR
21 HOUSING FOR HEALTH PILOT, THE MID-VALLEY RETINAL CAMERA AND
22 LASER CLINIC AND THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MED CENTER, CAMINO DE
23 SALUD NETWORK, WHICH COORDINATES CARE FOR THE UNINSURED.
24 CONGRATULATIONS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN GIVING THEM APPLAUSE FOR
25 THEIR AWARD. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT WE HAVE THE MENTAL HEALTH



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1 DEPARTMENT. THEY WON THEIR AWARD FOR CRISIS RESOLUTION
2 SERVICES AT THE DOWNTOWN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND INNOVATIVE
3 TECHNOLOGY FOR MEDICARE PART D. AGAIN, TECHNOLOGY IS A VERY
4 IMPORTANT PART. CONGRATULATIONS. JOIN ME IN THANKING THEM.
5 [APPLAUSE.] GREAT, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR. THIS NEXT AWARD
6 GOES TO PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THEIR, QUOTE "THE BOARD
7 CLUB." CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD JOB. [APPLAUSE.] I HAVE SEEN IT
8 BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS. IT'S ALL ABOUT SKATEBOARDING,
9 SURFBOARDING AND ALL KINDS OF BOARDS. THEY DO A TERRIFIC JOB,
10 PARTICULARLY THE SAFETY ISSUES THAT ARE INVOLVED.
11 CONGRATULATIONS ON THAT PROGRAM. NEXT WE HAVE THE PUBLIC
12 DEFENDER. AND THEY WON THEIR AWARD FOR FELONY LAWYER TRAINING
13 PROGRAM. JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THEM. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I'M
14 GOING TO BRING UP THE PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THEY WON THEIR AWARD
15 FOR SEWAGE SPILL REPORTING, QUOTE "PROTECTING OUR BEACHES" AND
16 S.T.D. HOME TEST KIT THAT THEY PROVIDED. WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN
17 APPLAUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH? [APPLAUSE.] THANKS
18 AGAIN AND CONGRATULATIONS. NEXT WE HAVE A LARGE TEAM COMING
19 UP, I THINK. THIS IS PUBLIC WORKS. THEY RECEIVED FIVE N.A.C.O.
20 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS, MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT,
21 WHICH IS PRETTY TERRIFIC. SO THEY WON AWARDS FOR SOMETHING
22 THAT IS CALLED THE CITY SERVICES REQUEST TRACKING, INTERACTIVE
23 CUSTOMER INQUIRY, INTERSTATE 5 HASLEY CANYON INTERCHANGE
24 PROJECT, THE MARIE CANYON WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND THE
25 SANITARY SEWER ASSESSMENT SYSTEM. PLEASE JOIN ME IN GIVING



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1 THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. GOOD JOB. [APPLAUSE.]
2 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. GOOD JOB. I'M GOING TO BRING UP
3 THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER. THEY WON AWARDS FOR THE INSPECTOR
4 SURVEY, THE L.A. VITAL SYSTEM AND THE VOTING SYSTEMS
5 ASSESSMENT PROJECT, AS WELL. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT
6 I'M BRINGING UP THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. (COUGHING). EXCUSE
7 ME. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WON FOR THEIR BICYCLE EDUCATION
8 AND REGISTRATION PROGRAM, WHICH IS KNOWN AS BEAR. THE INMATE
9 VOTING AWARENESS AND ELIGIBILITY AS WELL AS JUST IN REACH
10 PROGRAM. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
11 [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. NEXT WE HAVE THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT,
12 AND THEY WON THEIR AWARD FOR THE COURT APPEARANCE REMINDER
13 SYSTEM, BETTER KNOWN AS CARS. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] ALL
14 RIGHT. AGAIN, THESE ARE EMPLOYEES THAT REALLY DESERVE OUR
15 COMMENDATION. THEY GO UP AND BEYOND WHEN THEY CREATE THESE
16 KINDS OF INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS. WE WANT TO THANK N.A.C.O. FOR
17 GIVING SO MANY WORDS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WOULD YOU JOIN ME
18 IN GIVING ALL OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS AND ALL OF THOSE
19 INDIVIDUALS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB?
20 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES OUR
21 PRESENTATIONS. SO WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO OUR SPECIALS. AND,
22 MIKE, IF YOU WOULD CONTINUE ON YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.
23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RICHARD BLAKE, WHO PASSED -- RICHARD BLAKE
25 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 68. HE WAS THE FORMER HUSBAND OF



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1 JOAN SCHMIDT CLAYTON, WHO WAS ON THE MONROVIA-ARCADIA-DUARTE
2 TOWN COUNCIL FOR MANY YEARS AND ALSO A LOCAL NEWS REPORTER.
3 RICHARD SERVED IN VIETNAM, WORKED ON A DEFENSE DEPARTMENT
4 PROJECT AT J.P.L., AND HE LEAVES BEHIND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS.
5 BARBRA ANNE PALLOS, WHO WAS A NEWS AND FEATURE WRITER FOR THE
6 "MONTROSE LEDGER" FROM '64 TO '70. AND ONE OF HER BEATS WAS
7 THE GLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION. SHE WAS RECRUITED AS THE
8 DISTRICT'S FULL-TIME PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER. SHE IS
9 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, VICTOR, OF 42 YEARS AND THEIR
10 DAUGHTER, EMILY. SHE AND VIC WERE QUITE INVOLVED AND HAVE BEEN
11 INVOLVED IN THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY. JULILIAN GALICH VON
12 WURMBRAND PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE WAS QUITE
13 INVOLVED. SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER BROTHER, TOM; HER OTHER
14 BROTHER, GERALD, PASSED AWAY WHO WAS A CAPTAIN IN THE FIRE
15 DEPARTMENT A FEW YEARS AGO. BUT THEY WERE QUITE INVOLVED WITH
16 THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY. JUDY WHITLEY, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF,
17 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 69. SHE WAS LAST ASSIGNED WITH THE
18 PERSONNEL BUREAU. ROGER ROCHART PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A RESIDENT
19 OF GLENDALE, SURVIVED BY WIFE, MARIA, AND THEIR THREE
20 CHILDREN.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. AND
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF YOU WOULD PERMIT ME, WE HAVE SOME
24 FOLKS HERE THAT NEED TO GET BACK TO WORK. IF WE COULD TAKE UP
25 ITEM NO. 17.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 17 IS VERY, VERY UNIQUE AND VERY
5 SPECIAL. TALK ABOUT OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES. ITEM NO. 17 IS
6 ABOUT RENAMING THE EAST L.A. PROBATION OFFICE IN HONOR OF AN
7 UNBELIEVABLE COUNTY EMPLOYEE. AND SHE WAS MARY RIDGEWAY. AND
8 SO NOW THAT PROBATION OFFICE IS GOING TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARY
9 RIDGEWAY EAST LOS ANGELES PROBATION OFFICE IN HONOR OF MARY
10 AND HER DEDICATED WORK. OVER 43 YEARS SHE WORKED FOR THE
11 COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. AND WHEN I USED TO SEE HER ALL
12 THE TIME, THIS WAS A WOMAN WHO WAS CONSTANTLY HAPPY. SHE LOVED
13 WHAT SHE WAS DOING. SHE WAS A TERRIFIC PROBATION OFFICER. AND
14 WE'RE VERY HONORED TO MAKE THAT -- RENAME THAT FACILITY AFTER
15 HER. BUT WE HAVE A COUPLE OF FOLKS THAT ARE JOINING US THIS
16 MORNING THAT NEED TO GET BACK TO WORK. AND WE'D LIKE TO ASK
17 THEM TO COME BACK UP. FIRST WE HAVE SAL MARTINEZ, FOLLOWED BY
18 PETER SHUTAN.

19

20 **PETER SHUTAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND BOARD. MY
21 NAME IS PETER SHUTAN, AND I'M WITH THE L.A. CITY ATTORNEY'S
22 OFFICE AND THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION COMMISSION. I WANTED TO
23 COME HERE TO SUPPORT AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR
24 HONORING MARY RIDGEWAY IN THIS WAY. AS YOU MENTIONED, MARY
25 RIDGEWAY WAS A 43-YEAR VETERAN OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.



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1 SHE STARTED HER CAREER AT SYLMAR JUVENILE HALL AND WENT TO
2 EAST L.A. PROBATION IN MARCH OF 1987, AND WAS THERE FOR 23
3 YEARS. OVER THOSE 23 YEARS, EVERYBODY KNEW, RESPECTED AND
4 APPRECIATED MARY RIDGEWAY'S INSIGHT, INTELLIGENCE,
5 STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS AND LEADERSHIP WHEN IT CAME TO DEALING
6 CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH GANG MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL AS
7 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. MARY WAS A FRIEND AND
8 MENTOR TO SO MANY PROBATIONERS, PROBATION OFFICERS, POLICE
9 OFFICERS, DEPUTY SHERIFFS, EDUCATORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, PRIESTS
10 AND PROSECUTORS. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED AND SHE IS BEING
11 APPROPRIATELY REMEMBERED IN THE RENAMING OF THE EAST L.A.
12 PROBATION OFFICE. AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER PROBATION
13 OFFICERS WHO ARE HERE, IF I CAN JUST ASK THEM TO STAND AND BE
14 RECOGNIZED, WHO ARE SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR MOTION, SUPERVISOR
15 MOLINA.

16
17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WOULD THOSE PROBATION OFFICERS PLEASE
18 STAND? I THINK THEY'RE EQUALLY AS PROUD OF RENAMING.
19 [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **PETER SHUTAN:** I KNOW THAT I WORKED ALONGSIDE HER AS A GANG
22 PROSECUTOR. I WORKED FOR HER AS A RESERVE DEPUTY PROBATION
23 OFFICER. AND I ADMIRERED HER AS A PROBATION COMMISSIONER. AND I
24 THANK YOU FOR THIS.



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1 **SAL MARTINEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M VERY PLEASED TO
2 BE HERE. MY NAME IS SAL MARTINEZ AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE
3 HOLLENBECK COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD. THIS COULD HAVE
4 NEVER HAPPENED WITHOUT MARY RIDGEWAY. I MET MARY RIDGEWAY IN
5 1988 AT CAMP WILLIAM MENDENHALL ON THE DAY BEFORE I WAS
6 GETTING RELEASED AFTER SERVING SEVEN MONTHS. AND PRIOR TO
7 THAT, MEETING MARY, I HAD BEEN SHOT BY AN L.A.P.D. OFFICER AND
8 I WAS ON A FAST TRACK TO NOT LIVING PAST MY 21ST BIRTHDAY. I
9 AM 40 YEARS OLD TODAY, AND I AM GLAD THAT I AM HERE IN FRONT
10 OF YOU TO TELL YOU THAT THIS IS A WELL-DESERVED HONOR. MARY
11 WAS MY FRIEND, MY MENTOR FOR 20 PLUS YEARS. I'D LIKE TO SAY
12 THAT BEFORE I MET MARY RIDGEWAY, I MET SUPERVISOR MICHAEL
13 ANTONOVICH AT CAMP WILLIAM MENDENHALL, SIR, WHEN YOU VISITED
14 THERE WITH SYBIL BRAND. AND I WAS HAPPY TO WALK WITH HER AND
15 BARRY NIRDORF, THE CHIEF OF PROBATION THEN, WHERE HE SAID
16 "SAL, THESE MEN AND WOMEN ARE HERE TODAY. AND YOU HAVE TO DO
17 SOMETHING SO THAT THEY CAN KEEP THESE CAMPS OPEN." AND I'D
18 LIKE TO SAY THAT THE DISPLAY THAT I DID THEN MATTERED BECAUSE
19 THE CAMPS ARE STILL OPEN. NOW AS PART OF THE PAL PROGRAM, I
20 TAKE KIDS TO CAMP GLENN ROCKEY, PART OF THE SCARED STRAIGHT
21 PROGRAM. AND I LET THEM KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT WHERE THEIR LIFE
22 IS SUPPOSED TO BE. AND THAT IS MY BURDEN IN LIFE IS TO
23 CONTINUE MARY'S LEGACY, TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE THAT
24 WERE ONCE LIKE ME. AND I THANK YOU FOR HONORING HER HERE
25 TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'RE VERY PROUD. [APPLAUSE.] MARY HAD A
3 PASSION THAT SHE WORE ON HER SLEEVE AND WITH EVERYBODY, SHE
4 FELT THAT EVERY SINGLE LIFE COULD BE SAVED AND SHE WORKED VERY
5 HARD AS A PROBATION OFFICER, WAY BEYOND HER 40 HOURS. I MEAN
6 SHE WAS DEDICATED AND A PASSIONATE WOULD WOMAN. WE LOVE HER
7 DEARLY. SO IT'S MY HONOR. AND SO 17 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
8 MYSELF. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON ITEM NO. 17. [APPLAUSE.] I'M GOING TO
10 HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER SWEAR EVERYONE IN WHO WILL BE
11 TESTIFYING FOR OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
14 BOARD ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT
15 HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS
16 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE
17 TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU.
18 YOU MAY BE SEATED.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM NO. 1. AND THIS IS
23 THE HEARING ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO UPDATE TO THE
24 DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM APPROVING THE DEVELOPER FEE DETAILED
25 FIRE STATION PLAN DATED OCTOBER 2010 AND THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE



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1 PROTECTION DISTRICT DEVELOPER FEE FUNDS 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR
2 END REPORT. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS AND NO
3 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

6

7 **LORRAINE BUCK:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME STREET LORRAINE BUCK AND
8 I AM A SUPERVISING PLANNING ANALYST FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE
9 PROTECTION DISTRICT. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS TO
10 UPDATE THE DEVELOPER FEE PROGRAM. THE UPDATED DEVELOPER FEE
11 DETAILED FIRE STATION PLAN IN THE 2009-10 FISCAL YEAR END
12 REPORT WERE PREPARED IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY SUPERVISION.
13 THERE IS NO RECOMMENDED MODIFICATION TO THE DEVELOPER FEE
14 AMOUNTS. THE DEVELOPER FEES WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED TO FUND
15 THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF
16 FIRE STATION FACILITIES IN THE AREAS OF BENEFIT. THERE
17 CONTINUES TO BE A REASONABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE USE OF
18 THE DEVELOPER FEE AND THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UPON
19 WHICH THE FEE IS IMPOSED. THERE IS A REASONABLE RELATIONSHIP
20 BETWEEN THE NEED FOR THE FACILITIES TO BE FINANCED BY THE
21 DEVELOPER FEE AND THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UPON WHICH
22 THE DEVELOPER FEE IS IMPOSED. THERE IS ALSO A REASONABLE
23 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF THE DEVELOPER FEE AND THE
24 COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING THE NECESSARY



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1 FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES. WE ARE AWARE OF NO PROTESTS TO THE
2 RECOMMENDED ACTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY
5 SPEAKERS ON THIS ONE? NO. ALL RIGHT. ON THIS ITEM, MOVED BY
6 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF
7 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 5.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
10 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 26 --
11 BUILDING CODE, TO REPEAL PROVISIONS OF THE BUILDING CODE.
12 THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS AND NO CORRESPONDENCE
13 WAS RECEIVED. THERE IS ONE SPEAKER.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, YOU SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM?

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT HE'S
18 HERE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ON THIS ITEM, WE DON'T HAVE
21 A REPORT.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE DON'T.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
3 ITEM NO. 6?

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 6, THIS IS A HEARING ON ORDINANCE
6 FOR ADOPTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 27 -- ELECTRICAL
7 CODE, TO REPEAL PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTRICAL CODE. THERE IS NO
8 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED.
9 AGAIN, THERE IS ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER. I DON'T BELIEVE HE'S HERE.
10 MR. SACHS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL GIVE A REMINDER THAT WE
13 HAVE TO CLOSE OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THESE ITEMS. BUT IT IS
14 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
15 IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 7. THIS IS THE HEARING ON
18 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 28 --
19 PLUMBING CODE, TO REPEAL PROVISIONS OF THE PLUMBING CODE.
20 AGAIN, NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
21 SUBMITTED. THERE IS ONE SPEAKER, AGAIN IT'S MR. SACHS. HE DOES
22 NOT APPEAR TO BE HERE.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON ITEM NO. 7, IS THERE NO REPORT?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO REPORT.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE
4 PUBLIC HEARING. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 8, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
8 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 29 --
9 MECHANICAL CODE, TO REPEAL PROVISIONS OF THE MECHANICAL CODE.
10 AGAIN, NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, NO CORRESPONDENCE. AND THERE
11 IS ONE SPEAKER, MR. SACHS.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND MR. SACHS IS NOT HERE. ALL RIGHT. WITH
14 THAT, WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 9, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
19 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TO ADD TITLE
20 30 -- RESIDENTIAL CODE, TO INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE PORTIONS
21 OF THE 2010 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE. AGAIN, NO DEPARTMENT
22 STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED. AND THERE WAS ONE
23 SPEAKER, MR. SACHS.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT
2 STATEMENT?

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THAT ITEM. WE WILL CLOSE THE
7 PUBLIC HEARING. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 10, THIS IS THE HEARING FOR
11 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TO ADD TITLE
12 31, GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT
13 STATEMENT. CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM. AND THERE
14 IS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, AGAIN MR. SACHS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC
17 HEARING ON THAT ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
18 BY SUPERVISOR KANABE. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL RIGHT. WE ARE ON ITEM NO. 11. THIS IS
21 THE DE NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2009-02239-(5),
22 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 200900026, VESTING TENTATIVE
23 TRACT MAP NO. 071035, AND A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
24 WITH MITIGATION MONITORING REPORTING PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE
25 CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A 230-MEGAWATT



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1 PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRICITY POWER GENERATION FACILITY LOCATED
2 NEAR THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ANTELOPE ACRES IN THE
3 ANTELOPE VALLEY WEST ZONE DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY A.V. SOLAR
4 RANCH 1, L.L.C. THERE IS DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND
5 CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

6

7 **KIM SOLAY:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
8 BOARD. MY NAME IS KIM SOLAY, PROJECT PLANNER, DEPARTMENT OF
9 REGIONAL PLANNING. THIS IS CHRISTINA TRAN FROM IMPACT ANALYSIS
10 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE MAJORITY OF THE
11 2100-ACRE SITE WOULD BE USED TO INSTALL ARRAYS OF SOLAR PANELS
12 UP TO 10 FEET IN HEIGHT, AN OPERATIONS BUILDING, ELECTRICITY
13 SUBSTATION, UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION LINES WOULD BE
14 CONSTRUCTED, ALSO. CONNECTION TO THE ELECTRICITY GRID IS
15 PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED AT THE ANTICIPATED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
16 EDISON WHIRLWIND SUBSTATION IN KERN COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY TWO
17 MILES NORTH OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY-KERN COUNTY BOUNDARY. ON
18 SEPTEMBER 15, 2010, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CERTIFIED
19 THE E.I.R. AND APPROVED THE PROJECT 4-0 WITH ONE COMMISSIONER
20 ABSENT. THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOUND THAT THE PROJECT IS
21 CONSISTENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY-WIDE GENERAL PLAN AND
22 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA-WIDE PLAN. POLICIES AND IT ALSO MEETS THE
23 NECESSARY FINDINGS FOR A VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP,
24 REVERSION OF ACREAGE AND A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO
25 THE SUBDIVISION MAP ACT AND APPLICABLE COUNTY COUNTY ZONING



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1 CODE PROVISIONS. ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2010, NORTHROP GRUMMAN
2 SYSTEMS CORPORATION APPEALED THE PROJECT TO THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS, CITING INADEQUACY OF THE E.I.R. VESTING TENTATIVE
4 TRACT MAP AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPROVALS. THE APPELLANT
5 ALSO STATED THAT THE PROJECT SHOULD HAVE ANALYZED PROJECT
6 IMPACTS TO OPERATIONS OF ITS RANGE 1 TEST SITE AT THEIR TEJON
7 RADAR TEST FACILITY LOCATED IN KERN COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY 10
8 MILES NORTHWEST OF THE A.V. SOLAR RANCH 1 PROJECT SITE. THE
9 APPELLANT HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY COMMENTED ON THE PROJECT AT ANY
10 PREVIOUS STAGE OF THE PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS. IN ADDITION TO
11 THE LATE COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE APPELLANT, COMMENTS FROM
12 THREE OTHER PARTIES WERE ALSO RECEIVED. PLANNING STAFF
13 PROVIDED EXTENSIVE VOLUNTARY RESPONSES TO LATE COMMENTS AFTER
14 CLOSE OF THE DULY NOTICED DRAFT E.I.R. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.
15 EACH ITEM IN THE APPELLANT'S APPEAL LETTER AND LATE COMMENTS
16 FROM OTHER PARTIES ARE ADDRESSED IN SECTION 6.0, RESPONSE TO
17 LATE COMMENTS, IN THE FINAL E.I.R. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
18 QUALITY ACT FINDINGS WERE ALSO UPDATED. IN ADDITION TO INITIAL
19 MATERIALS RECEIVED FROM THE APPELLANT, THE APPELLANT SUBMITTED
20 OVER 1,000 ADDITIONAL PAGES OF MATERIAL TO COUNTY STAFF ON
21 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19. NO SIGNIFICANT NEW INFORMATION REQUIRING
22 RECIRCULATION OF THE E.I.R. WAS RECEIVED FROM THE APPELLANT OR
23 ANY OF THE OTHER LATE COMMENTERS, INCLUDING THAT MATERIAL.
24 STAFF ADDITIONALLY RECEIVED THIS MORNING A WEB LINK TO A 1500-
25 PAGE ADDITIONAL SUBMITTAL RECEIVED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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1 MONDAY NIGHT AT FIVE. AND THEN I RECEIVED A LINK THIS MORNING
2 TO THOSE DOCUMENTS AND REVIEWED THEM IN A SKIM FORMAT. THE
3 E.I.R. AS CERTIFIED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
4 INCLUDES PROJECT DESIGN FEATURES SUCH AS INCLUDING THE REMOVAL
5 OF A PORTION OF THE PROJECT FROM A SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA
6 AND AVOIDING DEVELOPMENT IN ANOTHER PORTION OF THE PROJECT,
7 WHICH INCLUDES YOUNG JOSHUA TREES. REQUIRED MITIGATION
8 MEASURES ALSO INCLUDE SUCH THINGS AS ADDITIONAL BUFFERING FROM
9 SENSITIVE AREAS, RETAINING THE NATURAL COURSE OF THE PRIMARY
10 DRAINAGE RUNNING THROUGH THE PROJECT SITE, PROVIDING NATIVE
11 PLANTINGS ALONG BOTH SIDES OF S.R.138 ALONG THE PROJECT
12 BOUNDARIES, AND UNDERGROUNDING OF TRANSMISSION LINES.
13 EXTENSIVE DUST CONTROL MEASURES ARE REQUIRED DURING
14 CONSTRUCTION AND DEDICATION OF A MINIMUM 450 ACRES OF OFF-SITE
15 LANDS IS REQUIRED TO MITIGATE LOSS OF HABITAT. THE PROJECT'S
16 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM ITEMIZES 45 PAGES
17 OF REQUIRED MITIGATIONS. ON NOVEMBER 19, 2010, PLANNING STAFF
18 RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM MR. DAVID BELOTE, DIRECTOR, ENERGY
19 SITING CLEARINGHOUSE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY OF
20 DEFENSE, INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT. THE EMAIL INDICATED
21 THAT THE A.V. SOLAR RANCH 1 PROJECT APPEAL CASE WAS, QUOTE,
22 FROM HIM "A PRIVATE MATTER BETWEEN PRIVATE PARTIES AND LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS NO
24 POSITION". UNQUOTE. A NEARBY PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR PROJECT CALLED
25 THE ROSAMOND SOLAR PROJECT LOCATED IN KERN COUNTY TO THE



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1 NORTHEAST OF THE A.V. SOLAR RANCH 1 SITE WAS APPROVED BY KERN
2 COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND APPEALED BY NORTHROP GRUMMAN
3 SYSTEMS CORPORATION. ON NOVEMBER 9, 2010, THE KERN COUNTY
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DENIED THE APPEAL AND APPROVED THE
5 PROJECT 5-0. THE ROSAMOND SOLAR PROJECT IS ROUGHLY THE SAME
6 DISTANCE FROM THE TEJON RADAR TEST FACILITY AS THE A.V. SOLAR
7 RANCH 1 PROJECT. ON NOVEMBER 22, 2010, GOVERNOR ARNOLD
8 SCHWARZENEGGER'S OFFICE FORWARDED TO PLANNING STAFF A COPY OF
9 A LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2010, WRITTEN TO
10 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INDICATING THE GOVERNOR'S SUPPORT
11 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE A.V. SOLAR RANCH 1 PROJECT. STAFF
12 RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD DENY THE APPEAL AND AFFIRM THE
13 PLANNING COMMISSION'S ACTION AND FINDINGS PERTAINING TO
14 APPROVAL OF THE A.V. SOLAR RANCH 1 PROJECT AS FOLLOWS: ONE, TO
15 CERTIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, INCLUDING DRAFT
16 E.I.R., FINAL E.I.R. WITH ADDITIONAL SECTION 6.0 RESPONSES TO
17 LATE COMMENTS, MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND
18 C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF FACT FOR PROJECT NO. R2009-02239-(5). AND
19 SECOND, INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO APPROVE SAID PROJECT
20 NUMBER INCLUDING VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 071035 AND
21 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 20090026. AND FINALLY, TO INSTRUCT
22 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND
23 CONDITIONS TO AFFIRM THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF
24 PROJECT NO. R2009-02239-(5), INCLUDING VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT



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1 NO. 071035 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2009-00026. THAT
2 COMPLETES THE STAFF REPORT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT COMPLETES OUR REPORT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU TELL ME WHEN THE FIRST SOLAR OR
11 NEXTLIGHT APPLICATION WAS FILED WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING
12 DEPARTMENT?

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14 **KIM SOLAY:** THE APPLICATION WAS FILED ON MARCH 18, 2009, AND
15 SOME ADDITIONAL MATERIAL WAS SUBMITTED MARCH 25 WITH SOME
16 CORRECTIONS.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU HAVE A COURTESY LIST, OF WHICH I HAVE
19 THAT'S DATED MAY 17, 2010. COULD YOU EXPLAIN WHAT THE LIST IS
20 AND HOW DOES REGIONAL PLANNING USE IT?

21

22 **KIM SOLAY:** YES, THE COURTESY LIST IS IN ADDITION TO THE 1,000-
23 FOOT RADIUS NOTICING LIST. THERE ARE ADDITIONAL PARTIES FROM
24 THE FIFTH DISTRICT THAT WOULD BE ON THAT COURTESY LIST. AND



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1 THEN THERE ARE OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES THAN ARE ADDED AS THEY
2 REQUEST TO BE SO.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE
5 FOR THE PROJECT?

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7 **KIM SOLAY:** THAT WAS CERTIFIED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING
8 COMMISSION AND THEN APPEALED.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WAS THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION ISSUED?
11 WAS IT BEFORE THE E.I.R. WAS PREPARED?

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13 **KIM SOLAY:** YES. ON APRIL 12, 2009 WAS THE NOTICE OF
14 PREPARATION.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN WAS THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION ISSUED
17 BEFORE THE E.I.R. WAS PREPARED?

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19 **KIM SOLAY:** YES.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID NORTHROP GRUMMAN OR ITS ATTORNEYS OR ANY
22 OTHER REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMPANY SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE
23 NOTICE OF PREPARATION?

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1 **KIM SOLAY:** NO, THERE WERE NO COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM NORTHROP
2 GRUMMAN OR THEIR ATTORNEYS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN WHAT DATES DID REGIONAL PLAN
5 COMMISSION CONSIDER THE CASE?

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7 **KIM SOLAY:** ON JUNE 30 WAS THE FIRST HEARING. THE CONTINUATION
8 WAS SEPTEMBER 15, WHERE THE FINAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO 6/30.

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12 **KIM SOLAY:** YEAH. 6/30, JUNE 30 THIS YEAR, 2010 AND SEPTEMBER
13 15, 2010.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID NORTHROP GRUMMAN OR ITS ATTORNEYS OR ANY
16 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMPANY TESTIFY AT ANY OF THESE
17 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS?

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19 **KIM SOLAY:** THEY DID NOT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID NORTHROP GRUMMAN OR ITS ATTORNEYS OR ANY
22 OTHER REPRESENTATIVE SUBMIT ANY WRITTEN DOCUMENTS IN ADVANCE
23 OF THE FINAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 15,
24 2010?

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1 **KIM SOLAY:** THEY DID NOT SUBMIT DOCUMENTS FOR THE HEARING;
2 HOWEVER, THERE WAS A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST BY A KENDRA CASPER
3 OF SHEPPARD, MULLIN, RICHTER & HAMPTON ON FEBRUARY 2, 2010
4 REQUESTING THAT PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE ZONING
5 APPLICATION AND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION. AND THAT WAS
6 FORWARDED AND ACKNOWLEDGED AS RECEIVED BY KENDRA CASPER. AND
7 THEN ON MAY 17, 2010, THERE WAS A REQUEST TO BE ON THE
8 NOTIFICATION LIST. AND SO SHE WAS ADDED TO THE COURTESY LIST.
9 AND KENDRA CASPER IS ALSO THE AGENT THAT SIGNED THE APPEAL.
10 AND I HAVE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CLERK.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN AS USUAL AND REQUIRED, THE REGIONAL
13 PLANNING COMMISSION, DO THEY ALWAYS CONSIDER PUBLIC TESTIMONY
14 IN THEIR PUBLIC HEARINGS?

15

16 **KIM SOLAY:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DID YOU RECEIVE TESTIMONY FROM VARIOUS
19 PARTIES DURING THE APPROVAL PROCESS?

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21 **KIM SOLAY:** YES.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WAS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ACRES TOWN
24 COUNCIL'S POSITION ON THE PROJECT?

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1 **KIM SOLAY:** IN 2009, THERE WAS UNANIMOUS SUPPORT BY THE
2 ANTELOPE ACRES. AT THE HEARING, THERE WERE MEMBERS OF ANTELOPE
3 ACRES THAT TESTIFIED. AND THERE WAS ONE THAT WAS NOT IN FAVOR
4 OF THE PROJECT -- ACTUALLY THERE WERE TWO, ONE THAT WAS ON
5 ANTELOPE ACRES AND ANOTHER THAT WASN'T. AND THERE WAS -- THE
6 PRESIDENT REITERATED THAT THE BOARD DID HAVE A MAJORITY IN
7 SUPPORT.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MAJORITY VOTED FOR IT. AND WAS THERE ANY
10 OTHER SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECT DURING THE PUBLIC
11 REVIEW PROCESS?

12

13 **KIM SOLAY:** THERE WAS THE ONE MEMBER THAT I MENTIONED, NOT OF
14 THE TOWN COUNCIL BUT OF THE AREA THAT LIVES IN THE AREA,
15 ANTELOPE ACRES, THAT HAD A LOT OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROJECT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OUT OF ALL THOSE OTHERS WHO SUPPORTED IT?

18

19 **KIM SOLAY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE PROJECT CONFORM TO THE COUNTY'S
22 GENERAL PLAN?

23

24 **KIM SOLAY:** YES, IT DOES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE PROJECT CONFORM TO THE ZONING FOR
2 THE PROPERTY?

3

4 **KIM SOLAY:** YES, IT CONFORMS TO ZONING.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE YOU COMFORTABLE THAT THE FINDINGS FOR
7 THE PROJECT WOULD MEET APPROVAL?

8

9 **KIM SOLAY:** YES. THE FINDINGS DO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
10 APPROVAL.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. THE APPELLANT
13 SURPRISINGLY, EVEN THOUGH BEING NOTIFIED AS I MENTIONED MUCH
14 EARLIER JUST DROPPED OFF A STACK OF MATERIALS FRIDAY
15 AFTERNOON. YOU WOULD THINK IT WAS SOME PERSON THAT JUST WENT
16 IN TO PRACTICING LAW ON THURSDAY AND GOT A CASE ON FRIDAY. I'M
17 VERY SURPRISED AT THE PROFESSIONALISM, TO THE LEVEL OF
18 UNPROFESSIONALISM. BUT I GUESS SOMETIMES YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY
19 FOR. THE APPELLANT DROPPED OFF A STACK OF MATERIALS FRIDAY
20 AFTERNOON. HAVE YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THAT
21 MATERIAL?

22

23 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** YES, I HAVE, SUPERVISOR.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IN YOUR OPINION HAS THE APPELLANT RAISED
2 ANY NEW ISSUES THAT WOULD PREVENT THIS BOARD FROM RENDERING A
3 DECISION TODAY?

4

5 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** NO.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE YOU COMFORTABLE THAT THE
8 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF
9 CALIFORNIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND COUNTY C.E.Q.A.
10 GUIDELINES?

11

12 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** YES I AM, SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO
15 SPEAK ON IT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FIRST WE HAVE JACK RUBENS FOLLOWED BY
18 LEONARD FIGUEROA, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US. THESE ARE THE
19 APPELLANTS. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO START.

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21 **LEONARD FIGUEROA:** GOOD MORNING. MADAM CHAIR PERSON, MEMBERS OF
22 THE BOARD, MY NAME IS LEONARD FIGUEROA. I REPRESENT THE
23 APPELLANT, NORTHROP GRUMMAN. I AM AN ENGINEERING DIRECTOR FOR
24 NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION. AS AN INDIVIDUAL, I'VE BEEN
25 INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND FIELDING OF ADVANCED MILITARY



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1 TECHNOLOGY FOR THE LAST 28 YEARS. AS A CORPORATION, NORTHROP
2 GRUMMAN HAS BEEN ON THE CUTTING OF ADVANCED MILITARY
3 TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF OUR NATION'S DEFENSE FOR THE LAST 71
4 YEARS. DURING THESE 71 YEARS, NORTHROP GRUMMAN HAS INVENTED
5 AND REFINED RADAR STEALTH TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCED RADAR
6 TECHNOLOGY RESULTING IN THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND FIELD
7 SUPPORT OF THE PREMIER OPERATIONAL STEALTH PLATFORM, THE B2
8 BOMBER. I TELL YOU THIS AS A CORPORATE TECHNICAL RESUME OF
9 CREDIBILITY AND A DOCUMENTED HISTORY OF MAINTAINING THE
10 GOVERNMENT'S TRUST. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THE SECURITY
11 RESTRICTIONS PREVENT NORTHROP GRUMMAN FROM COMPLETE DISCLOSURE
12 OF ITS TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND ADVANCED TEST TECHNIQUES TO
13 NONGOVERNMENT ENTITIES. HOWEVER, IN THIS FORUM, WE FEEL
14 COMPELLED TO MAKE PERFECTLY CLEAR OUR ASSERTION THAT THIS
15 PROJECT WILL IN FACT ADVERSELY IMPACT THE SUPPORT OF THE
16 MILITARY MISSION. FIRST, A REOCCURRING THEME HAS BEEN
17 CHALLENGING THE MILITARY MISSION OF THE TEJON TEST FACILITY.
18 THE TEJON TEST FACILITY IS LOCATED ON 1400 ACRES OF LAND IN
19 KERN COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES WEST OF EDWARDS AIR FORCE
20 BASE. NORTHROP BUILT THE FACILITY AND HAS OPERATED IT SINCE
21 THE LATE 1970S. THE TEJON TEST FACILITY HAS BEEN USED
22 PRIMARILY AS A RADAR CROSS-SECTION, REFERRED TO AS R.C.S., AN
23 ANTENNA TEST FACILITY THAT SUPPORTS SEVERAL DEPARTMENT OF
24 DEFENSE PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE BOTH CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED
25 COMPONENTS. THE ONES I CAN DISCUSS ARE THE F35 LIGHTENING 2



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1 PROGRAM. THE FA-18-EF SUPER HORNET. THE NAVY UNMANNED COMBAT
2 AIR SYSTEM, U.C.A.S. AND THE B2 BOMBER, AS WELL AS SEVERAL
3 FULLY CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS. THIS FACILITY'S ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY
4 SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS EMPLOYING 15,000 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY.
5 THE DEVELOPER CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF
6 INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT REGARDING NORTHROP GRUMMAN'S
7 ASSERTIONS OF IMPACT TO THE MILITARY MISSION. THE DOD'S PUBLIC
8 RESPONSE FROM THAT OFFICE ON FILE WITH THIS BOARD IS THAT THIS
9 IS A LAND USE ISSUE AND THAT THEY HAD NO POSITION. IT SHOULD
10 BE NOTED THAT OUR MILITARY CUSTOMERS ARE IN CLASSIFIED PROGRAM
11 OFFICES AND THEY CANNOT TAKE PUBLIC POSITIONS. AS A RESULT,
12 NEITHER WE NOR THE DOD CUSTOMER CAN GO INTO DETAILS. SECOND,
13 ON THE TECHNICAL SIDE, ON FILE WITH THE BOARD IS A TECHNICAL
14 RESPONSE TO EACH OF THE TECHNICAL ISSUES THAT THE TECHNICAL
15 CONSULTANT EXPONENT HIRED BY THE DEVELOPER HAS RAISED RELEVANT
16 TO OUR TESTING. LET'S COMPARE THE RADAR MEASUREMENTS IN THE
17 PAST AGAINST THE UNDEVELOPED AGRICULTURAL BACKGROUND MEASURING
18 A SMALL CANDLE AGAINST LIGHT IN THE BACKGROUND. EFFECTIVELY
19 THE RADAR RETURNS FROM THE SOLAR FARM WILL BE LIKE STADIUM
20 LIGHTS BEHIND THIS CANDLE AND WE CAN NO LONGER MEASURE THE
21 SMALL SIGNALS NECESSARY. IN SUMMARY, THE ABILITY TO PREDICT,
22 FABRICATE AND MEASURE LOW RADAR CROSS-SECTION MILITARY
23 HARDWARE IS AT THE CENTER OF MAINTAINING NORTHROP GRUMMAN'S
24 ABILITY TO SUPPORT CURRENT OPERATIONAL PLATFORMS AND TO



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1 PROVIDE THE WAR FIGHTER WITH THE NEXT GENERATION OF STEALTH
2 AIRCRAFT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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6 **JACK RUBENS:** I'M JACK RUBENS. I'M A LAND USE ATTORNEY WITH THE
7 SHEPPARD MULLIN LAW FIRM, APPEARING TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE
8 APPELLANT, NORTHROP GRUMMAN SYSTEMS CORPORATION. I DO WANT TO
9 CONFIRM THAT WE DID SUBMIT DETAILED COMMENT LETTERS OVER THE
10 PAST WEEK. CONTRARY TO WHAT YOU HEARD FROM THE STAFF, YOU DID
11 NOT RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS FROM US UNTIL THE LAST WEEK. AND WE
12 DO APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. BUT CONTRARY TO SOME OF THE STATEMENTS
13 THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TODAY, IN FACT NORTHROP GRUMMAN DID NOT
14 LEARN ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THIS PROJECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16,
15 2010, THE DAY AFTER THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED
16 IT. AND IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN NORTHROP'S INTEREST AND IT
17 IS NOT IN ITS INTEREST TO HAVE DELAYED MAKING ITS COMMENTS AND
18 ENGAGING IN A DIALOGUE WITH THE COUNTY AND THE APPLICANT
19 REGARDING THIS PROJECT. ITS STRONG PREFERENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN
20 TO HAVE DONE SO MUCH EARLIER. THE REFERENCES YOU HEARD TO MISS
21 CASPER SUBMITTING A PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST WAS MADE FOR A
22 DIFFERENT CLIENT FOR A DIFFERENT PURPOSE, LONG BEFORE NORTHROP
23 GRUMMAN HAD ANY IDEA ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THIS PROJECT. AND
24 IT'S NOTHING BUT A RED HERRING ISSUE BECAUSE THE FACT IS HERE
25 WE ARE, AND NORTHROP IS DOING ITS BEST TO RESPOND EVEN THOUGH



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1 IT HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO ENGAGE LATE IN THIS PROCESS. AND IT
2 IS UNFORTUNATE THAT NEITHER THE COUNTY NOR THE APPLICANT
3 PROVIDED ANY NOTICE TO NORTHROP GRUMMAN REGARDING THE
4 PREPARATION OF THE E.I.R., THE FACT THAT IT WAS AVAILABLE FOR
5 REVIEW FOR EITHER THE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS OR FOR ANY
6 OTHER PURPOSE. BUT HERE WE ARE. NOW, THE APPLICANT AND ITS
7 ATTORNEYS HAVE RAISED SOME ISSUES THAT APPARENTLY ARE DESIGNED
8 TO DENIGRATE NORTHROP AND TO OBSCURE THE ISSUES HERE. SO I
9 WANT TO BRIEFLY RESPOND TO THEM. ONE IS THE NOTICE ISSUE THAT
10 I'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED. ANOTHER ISSUE OR A CLAIM THAT HAS BEEN
11 MADE IS THAT NORTHROP'S POSITION IS THAT IT WANTS TO STOP ALL
12 DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THIS PROJECT, WITHIN WHAT WE'VE CALLED
13 THE RANGE 1 KEYHOLE, WHICH IS A LARGE LAND AREA THAT EMANATES
14 OUT FROM THE TEJON TEST FACILITY. THAT IS, TO SAY THE LEAST,
15 UNTRUE. INSTEAD, WHAT NORTHROP HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN SAYING IN
16 WRITING AND VERBALLY AND IN MEETINGS WITH THE DEVELOPER, THE
17 APPLICANT HERE, IS THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF THE BOARD WOULD
18 TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION ON THIS PROJECT UNTIL IT HAS REMEDIED
19 CERTAIN DEFECTS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION AND
20 INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THE PROJECT AND YOUR ZONING AND
21 GENERAL PLAN. BUT PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE
22 NORTHROP WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS IT IS
23 CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN AND IT IS DEVOTING VIGOROUS RESOURCES AT
24 THIS POINT TO DETERMINING WHETHER THERE IS A SOLUTION THAT
25 WOULD ALLOW THIS PROJECT TO GO FORWARD AS WELL AS OTHER



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1 PROJECTS IN THE RANGE 1 KEYHOLE BUT PRESERVE THE TESTING
2 CAPABILITY AT THE TEJON TEST FACILITY, WHICH DOES INDEED
3 SUPPORT THE MILITARY MISSION. NORTHROP DOES EXPECT TO TRANSMIT
4 A CONCRETE PROPOSAL TO THE APPLICANT WITHIN A RELATIVELY SHORT
5 PERIOD. AND MAY I CONCLUDE?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

8

9 **JACK RUBENS:** JUST ONE PROCEDURAL POINT. THAT THE BOARD LETTER
10 THAT YOU RECEIVED THAT'S ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA AND IS
11 THEREFORE PART OF THE AGENDA STATES THAT YOU ARE BEING ASKED
12 TODAY TO CERTIFY THE E.I.R. AND MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS
13 REGARDING THAT, BUT TO COME BACK TO THE -- FOR COUNTY COUNSEL
14 TO COME BACK WITH FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS TO SUPPORT THE
15 ENTITLEMENTS. WE'VE SEEN ON ANOTHER PART OF THE WEBSITE, NOT
16 PART OF THE AGENDA, A SUBSEQUENT LETTER THAT SEEMS TO BE
17 ASKING YOU IN ADDITION TO THAT TO ADOPT AN INDICATION OF YOUR
18 INTENT TO APPROVE THE PROJECT. AND FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, WE
19 THINK UNDER THE BROWN ACT, GIVEN THAT THE BOARD LETTER
20 ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA DOES NOT INCLUDE THAT, THAT YOU SHOULD
21 BE DOING AS THE EARLIER LETTER SUGGESTS.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD I ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK, WHEN YOU RECENTLY MET WITH MY
5 STAFF, YOU STATED THAT YOU FIRST LEARNED THAT THIS PROJECT,
6 NEXTLIGHT, WAS ON SEPTEMBER 16.

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8 **JACK RUBENS:** THAT NORTHROP FIRST LEARNED OF THE PROJECT ON
9 SEPTEMBER 16.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT KENDRA JOY CASPER OF SHEPPARD, MULLIN
12 FILED THE APPEAL ON SEPTEMBER 24. SO IS MISS CASPER AN
13 ATTORNEY IN YOUR FIRM?

14

15 **JACK RUBENS:** YES, SHE IS. AND THE APPEAL WAS FILED AFTER,
16 ABOUT EIGHT OR NINE DAYS AFTER WE LEARNED OF THE PROJECT.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY STAFF WILL SHARE WITH YOU A COPY OF AN
19 EMAIL FROM REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF TO MISS CASPER IN WHICH THE
20 STAFF PROVIDES MISS CASPER WITH COPIES OF THE LAND USE
21 APPLICATIONS. HOW IS IT THAT YOU TOLD MY STAFF LAST WEEK YOU
22 DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE PROJECT UNTIL THE 16? YET YOUR OFFICE
23 HAD COPIES OF THE APPLICATION IN FEBRUARY OF 2010.

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1 **JACK RUBENS:** AS I STATED EARLIER -- WELL, TWO THINGS. FIRST,
2 WHAT WE HAVE TOLD YOU IS THAT NORTHROP DID NOT KNOW OF THE
3 EXISTENCE OF THIS PROJECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16, NOT THAT OUR
4 OFFICE DID NOT. SO THAT'S THE POINT WE MADE. BUT BEYOND THAT,
5 AS I STATED IN MY PREVIOUS TESTIMONY, THAT REQUEST WAS MADE ON
6 BEHALF OF A DIFFERENT CLIENT. IT WAS NOT MADE ON BEHALF OF
7 NORTHROP GRUMMAN. IT WAS MADE ON BEHALF OF A DIFFERENT CLIENT
8 FOR A DIFFERENT PURPOSE. SO NORTHROP DID IN FACT NOT KNOW
9 ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THIS PROJECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16, 2010.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY STAFF WILL SHARE WITH YOU A COPY AN
12 EXCERPT FROM THE SO-CALLED COURTESY MAILING LIST FROM REGIONAL
13 PLANNING THAT INDICATES THAT MISS CASPER WAS MAILED A COPY OF
14 THE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN E.I.R. FOR THE FIRST SOLAR
15 PROJECT ON MAY 17, 2010. SO HOW IS IT THAT YOU TOLD MY STAFF
16 LAST WEEK YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE PROJECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER
17 16, YET YOUR OFFICE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED IN MAY OF THIS YEAR THAT
18 AN E.I.R. HAD BEEN PREPARED?

19

20 **JACK RUBENS:** WHAT WE TOLD YOUR STAFF, AGAIN, WAS THAT
21 NORTHROP, NOT OUR FIRM, DID NOT KNOW OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS
22 PROJECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16. THE INFORMATION THAT MISS CASPER
23 RECEIVED WAS AT THE REQUEST OF A DIFFERENT CLIENT OF THE FIRM
24 AND WAS RECEIVED FOR A DIFFERENT PURPOSE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL THE DOCUMENTS INDICATE YOUR FIRM KNEW
2 ABOUT THE FIRST SOLAR PROJECT AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY OF 2010.
3 THEN WHY DID IT TAKE UNTIL LAST FRIDAY AT 4 P.M -- AND WE'RE
4 NOT TALKING ABOUT SOME SHLOCKY LAW FIRM, OKAY?

5

6 **JACK RUBENS:** I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY WOULD YOU SUBMIT A PILE OF DOCUMENTS WITH
9 OBJECTIONS?

10

11 **JACK RUBENS:** WE LEARNED ABOUT THE PROJECT ON SEPTEMBER 16TH.
12 WE FILED AN APPEAL ABOUT EIGHT OR NINE DAYS LATER. AT THAT
13 POINT WE HAD JUST RECEIVED THE E.I.R. AND ALL THE OTHER
14 VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTATION REGARDING THE PROJECT. IT TOOK A
15 PERIOD OF TIME TO REVIEW ALL OF THAT DOCUMENTATION, TO ANALYZE
16 IT AND THEN TO PREPARE THE WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT WE SUBMITTED,
17 WHICH INCLUDED USING EXPERTS WHO ALSO HAD TO LOOK AT CERTAIN
18 PARTS OF THE E.I.R. AND ALSO FOR THE ENGINEERS AT NORTHROP TO
19 PREPARE ITS INTERNAL TECHNICAL REPORT TO INDICATE THAT THERE
20 TRULY WAS AN IMPACT ON THE FACILITY. AND I'D ALSO NOTE BY THE
21 WAY THAT THE MATERIALS YOU RECEIVED FROM THE APPLICANT'S
22 ATTORNEY YOU ALSO DIDN'T RECEIVE UNTIL LAST WEEK AND AS LATE
23 AS YESTERDAY AT 5 P.M.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO THE ATTORNEYS IN YOUR FIRM TALK TO ONE
2 ANOTHER?

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4 **JACK RUBENS:** ON SOME THINGS WE DO, AND SOME THINGS WE DON'T.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EVEN THOUGH IT'S DEALING WITH THE SAME ISSUE?

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8 **JACK RUBENS:** WE'RE A FIRM OF I BELIEVE OVER 500 LAWYERS. AND
9 WHILE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FOR ANOTHER CLIENT FOR ANOTHER
10 PURPOSE EARLIER IN 2010, THAT INFORMATION WAS NOT CONNECTED TO
11 THIS, TO NORTHROP'S FACILITY AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON IT
12 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16, 2010.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE ON THE COURTESY LIST
15 MANY, MANY MONTHS BEFORE.

16

17 **JACK RUBENS:** CORRECT. BECAUSE AGAIN THAT WAS OBTAINED FOR A
18 DIFFERENT CLIENT FOR A DIFFERENT PURPOSE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU DON'T TALK TO ONE ANOTHER IN THE OFFICE
21 BECAUSE THERE ARE 500 ATTORNEYS?

22

23 **JACK RUBENS:** WE TALK TO EACH OTHER, OBVIOUSLY. BUT I'M SIMPLY
24 TELLING YOU, SUPERVISOR, NORTHROP'S A REPUTABLE COMPANY. AND
25 WHEN I TELL YOU THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS PROJECT



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1 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16, 2010, THAT IS AN ACCURATE STATEMENT. AND
2 BEYOND THAT, I AGAIN QUESTION WHY ON EARTH NORTHROP WOULD WANT
3 TO DELAY ENGAGING IN THIS PROCESS AND DELAY SUBMITTING
4 COMMENTS, THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN THEIR INTENT AT ALL. THEIR
5 STRONG PREFERENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN TO HAVE ENGAGED VERY EARLY.
6 AND IF WE HAD EVER RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE DEVELOPER OR ANY
7 INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY OR THE DEVELOPER DIRECTLY TO
8 NORTHROP, TO NORTHROP GRUMMAN SYSTEMS CORPORATION, YOU CAN BET
9 THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS MUCH EARLIER. AS IT IS,
10 I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE DID HAVE A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH
11 THE DEVELOPER WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER WE FIRST LEARNED OF THIS
12 PROJECT. IN FACT, EXACTLY TWO WEEKS. HAD A SECOND MEETING LAST
13 WEEK TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL RESOLUTIONS TO THIS MATTER THAT
14 WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. AND WE'RE ON A TRACK TO TRY AND
15 DO THAT. THAT'S GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME BUT WE'RE
16 ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THAT PROCESS NOW.

17
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE MEETING WITH MY STAFF, IS IT TRUE THAT
19 YOU PROPOSED AN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, WHEREBY THE COUNTY WOULD
20 COLLECT A FEE ON THE NEW SOLAR PROJECTS, WHICH WOULD THEN BE
21 FORWARDED ON TO YOUR CLIENT TO COMPENSATE THEM FOR RELOCATING
22 THE TEJON TESTING FACILITY, AND ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY EXAMPLES
23 WHERE A GOVERNMENT AGENCY COLLECTS FEES FROM ONE DEVELOPER AND
24 HANDS IT TO A PRIVATE COMPANY TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF
25 RELOCATION?



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JACK RUBENS: WELL FIRST OF ALL, WE DID NOT REQUEST THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A DISTRICT. I BELIEVE WHAT WE INDICATED
IS THAT WAS ONE PART OF ONE SOLUTION THAT WE MIGHT COME BACK
TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT, AND THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS BESIDE
THAT. BUT THERE IS A VERY REAL AND SIGNIFICANT COST TO SOME OF
THE SOLUTIONS WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT WOULD ALLOW THIS PROJECT
TO PROCEED. BECAUSE THAT IS THE GOAL. THE GOAL IS TO ALLOW
THIS PROJECT AND OTHERS TO GO FORWARD. BUT WE HAVE TO FIND A
WAY TO DO THAT THAT PRESERVES THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY OF
NORTHROP TO DO ITS TESTING, WHICH SUPPORTS 15,000, THE WORK
THAT IS DIRECTLY DONE BY 15,000 EMPLOYEES IN LOS ANGELES, I
MIGHT ADD.

14

SUP. ANTONOVICH: BUT THAT DIDN'T PRECLUDE YOU FROM MOVING THE
FIRM TO WAS IT VIRGINIA OR WASHINGTON, D.C. OR MARYLAND? I'M
JUST SAYING I DIDN'T SEE YOU COME HERE AND SAY WE'VE GOT TO
SAVE THESE JOBS HERE. YOU WERE IN THE FRONT OF THE BUS DRIVING
THEM TO ANOTHER LOCATION. BUT THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT.

20

JACK RUBENS: I DON'T BELIEVE ANY OF THE 21,000 EMPLOYEES THAT
CURRENTLY WORK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, MORE THAN A SMALL
HANDFUL OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY MOVING BACK EAST.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WERE YOU INVOLVED IN A SIMILAR APPROACH ON A
2 SIMILAR SOLAR PROJECT THAT OCCURRED IN KERN COUNTY WHERE AGAIN
3 A COUPLE DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING SIMILAR SCENARIO TOOK PLACE
4 WHERE THERE WERE OBJECTIONS? WERE YOU PART OF THAT? OR WAS
5 THAT ANOTHER PART OF THE LAW FIRM?

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7 **JACK RUBENS:** I WAS. BUT ACTUALLY THE FACTS ARE VERY DIFFERENT
8 IN THAT CASE. THE APPLICANT DID REACH OUT TO NORTHROP EARLY IN
9 THE PROCESS. WE DID GET A PHONE CALL.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LIKE WE DID HERE.

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13 **JACK RUBENS:** AND NORTHROP DID SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT
14 E.I.R. WITHIN THE 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD. WHEN THE FINAL E.I.R.
15 WAS RELEASED, NORTHROP HAD 10 DAYS TO RESPOND TO THAT AND DID
16 PREPARE A LETTER WITHIN 10 DAYS, WITHIN THE PERIOD THEY HAD,
17 TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE FINAL E.I.R. BUT OTHERWISE WE
18 SUBMITTED OUR COMMENTS DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED, I BELIEVE, ON
21 NOVEMBER 9TH.

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23 **JACK RUBENS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NORTHROP, WHEN MY
2 STAFF CALLED YOUR GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS PERSON DURING THE
3 APPEALS PERIOD, HE STATED THAT NORTHROP HAD JUST RECENTLY
4 LEARNED ABOUT THE NEXTLIGHT PROJECT. IS THAT A CORRECT
5 STATEMENT THAT YOU MADE?

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7 **JACK RUBENS:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR. COULD YOU REPEAT THAT? I
8 APOLOGIZE.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS ASKING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NORTHROP.

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12 **LEONARD FIGUEROA:** I THINK I MAYBE HAVE BETTER KNOWLEDGE.

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14 **JACK RUBENS:** THEN I WILL DEFER TO MR. FIGUEROA ON THAT.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE WAS THE MAN IN CHARGE, I THOUGHT, FOR THE
17 COMPANY?

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19 **JACK RUBENS:** MR. FIGUEROA IS A DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING. THE
20 GENTLEMAN YOU'RE REFERRING TO IS IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS I
21 BELIEVE.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE QUESTION WAS: WHEN MY STAFF CALLED THE
24 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS PERSON DURING THE APPEALS PERIOD, HE HAD



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1 STATED THAT NORTHROP HAD JUST RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE
2 NEXTLIGHT PROJECT WAS BEING CONSIDERED.

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4 **JACK RUBENS:** THAT'S TRUE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IT'S TRUE THAT, AGAIN, I WAS GOING TO ASK
7 THAT QUESTION, THAT THEY KNEW ABOUT IT, FIRST FIRST LEARNED
8 ABOUT IT ON SEPTEMBER 16?

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10 **JACK RUBENS:** THAT'S WHEN NORTHROP GRUMMAN SYSTEM CORPORATION
11 FIRST LEARNED OF IT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YET THE COUNTY RECEIVED AN EIGHT-INCH THICK
14 PILE OF DOCUMENTS FROM YOU ON FRIDAY, LESS THAN TWO DAYS
15 BEFORE THE MORNING'S HEARING. AND AGAIN I WOULD ASK NORTHROP'S
16 REPRESENTATIVE WHY IT TOOK THEM TWO MONTHS TO SUBMIT THE
17 INFORMATION TO THE COUNTY.

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19 **JACK RUBENS:** WELL AGAIN, IF WE'D HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE DRAFT
20 E.I.R. AT THE TIME IT CAME OUT, THERE WAS A 45-DAY COMMENT
21 PERIOD. AND I THINK WE RESPONDED WITH OUR COMMENTS WITHIN A
22 LITTLE BIT MORE THAN THAT, MAYBE IT WAS CLOSER TO 60 DAYS. BUT
23 GENERALLY WE TOOK ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF TIME ONE NORMALLY HAS
24 WHEN THEY REVIEW A DRAFT E.I.R. AND WE DID NOT RECEIVE THE



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1 DRAFT E.I.R. UNTIL AROUND SEPTEMBER 17, 18, SOMETHING LIKE
2 THAT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MICHAEL, I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO
5 ACQUIESCE TO YOUR POINT AT THIS POINT IN TIME. WE HAVE A LOT
6 OF SPEAKERS ON THIS ONE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST ASK ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM
9 NORTHROP. APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE AT THE TEJON
10 TESTING FACILITY?

11

12 **LEONARD FIGUEROA:** THERE ARE ONLY 15.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIFTEEN. AND HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE MOVED WHEN
15 YOU RELOCATED NORTHROP HEADQUARTERS TO VIRGINIA? WHICH I
16 LEARNED ABOUT IN A PHONE CALL FROM NORTHROP THE MORNING OF THE
17 ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE NEWSPAPERS.

18

19 **LEONARD FIGUEROA:** I AM NOT AWARE OF THE EXACT NUMBER. IT IS IN
20 THE FEW HUNDRED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND IT'S APPROXIMATELY 360.

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1 **JACK RUBENS:** WE HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT. IT'S 30. 30 PEOPLE.
2 I'M SORRY. 300. I LEFT OFF A ZERO. 300 OF THE 21,000 EMPLOYEES
3 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

4
5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, GENTLEMEN.

8
9 **JACK RUBENS:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NOW THERE ARE SOME FOLKS HERE THAT ARE IN
12 SUPPORT OF IT. WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE APPLICANT,
13 PETER GUTIERREZ FOLLOWED BY MELVIN LAYNE, VICKIE NELSON, AND
14 LISA KRUEGER. PLEASE JOIN US.

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16 **PETER GUTIERREZ:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRWOMAN MOLINA AND HONORABLE
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M PETER GUTIERREZ FROM THE LATHAM AND
18 WATKINS FIRM APPEARING ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT. I WANT TO
19 BEGIN BY--

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PETER, MOVE THE MICROPHONE UP OR SPEAK
22 LOUDER.

23

24 **PETER GUTIERREZ:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING THE
25 PLANNING STAFF FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS



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1 PROJECT. MR. SOLAY, MISS TRAN HAVE BEEN REMARKABLE. A LOT OF
2 WORK HAS GONE INTO THIS. OTHER COUNTY STAFF, COUNTY COUNSEL,
3 MR. HAFETZ, MISS KEENE, PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, HEALTH AND
4 COUNTLESS OTHERS HAVE TRULY PUT IN A TEAM EFFORT AND THEY
5 DESERVE RECOGNITION. IN PARTICULAR I KNOW STAFF HAS WORKED
6 REALLY HARD TO RESPOND TO THE LAST MINUTE 1,000-PAGE FILING BY
7 NORTHROP AND WE HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO RESPOND, AS WELL.
8 AND WE IN STAFF HAVE RESPONDED AND THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR. THERE
9 REALLY IS NO MATERIAL THAT IS NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED BY THE
10 E.I.R. AND THE RECORD BEFORE YOUR BOARD. NORTHROP SUBMITTED A
11 LOT OF THE SAME MATERIAL, MUCH OF IT WORD FOR WORD WHEN THEY
12 PROPOSED THE ROSAMOND SOLAR PROJECT RECENTLY APPROVED IN KERN
13 COUNTY. WE RECEIVED THEIR EXPERT REPORT THIS MORNING. AND AS
14 IT TURNS OUT IT'S STRIKINGLY SIMILAR TO A REPORT SUBMITTED IN
15 KERN WHICH HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY RESPONDED IN THE RECORD BEFORE
16 YOU TODAY. AND ONE NOTE I WOULD MAKE IS ABOUT THE NOTICE, MISS
17 CASPER, WHO RECEIVED THE REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM STAFF WAS
18 ALSO THE SAME ATTORNEY WHICH FILED THE APPEAL. WE THINK THAT
19 THIS PROJECT IS A GOOD PROJECT THAT WILL PUT A LOT OF PEOPLE
20 BACK TO WORK. AND MR. DE ROSA FROM THE COMPANY IS HERE TO MAKE
21 SOME FURTHER REMARKS ABOUT THE PROJECT.

22
23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR?



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1 **FRANK DE ROSA:** THANK YOU, CHAIRWOMAN MOLINA. I'M FRANK DE ROSA
2 FIRST SOLAR SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN
3 NORTH AMERICA. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO DENY THE NORTHROP
4 GRUMMAN APPEAL. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ANTELOPE VALLEY
5 SOLAR PROJECT FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN A VERY PUBLIC
6 PROCESS. THIS PROJECT NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD. THE PROJECT WILL
7 PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 400 JOBS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS IN
8 THIS DEPRESSED ECONOMY. WE WILL ADD OVER \$50 MILLION IN LOCAL
9 TAXES AND MILLIONS MORE IN INDIRECT ECONOMIC BENEFITS WHILE
10 PROVIDING CLEAN, AFFORDABLE, RENEWABLE ENERGY TO 75,000
11 HOMEOWNERS. WE'RE HONORED THAT OUR PROJECT HAS EARNED STRONG
12 COMMUNITY SUPPORT. WE'VE HAD MORE THAN 100 MEETINGS IN THIS
13 COMMUNITY, WITH RESIDENTS, AGENCIES, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS,
14 MUNICIPALITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, BUSINESS GROUPS,
15 EDUCATORS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. WE'RE GRATEFUL THAT THE
16 NEAREST RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY, ANTELOPE ACRES, ENDORSES THE
17 PROJECT. THE CITIES OF LANCASTER AND PALMDALE ENDORSE THE
18 PROJECT AS DO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BOARD OF TRADE AND THE
19 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE'RE ALSO HONORED THAT SENATOR FEINSTEIN
20 AND GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER PUBLICLY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.
21 FIRST SOLAR IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST MANUFACTURER OF THIN FILM
22 PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR PANELS. WE ARE A U.S. COMPANY, WITH 1,500
23 EMPLOYEES IN MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING, RESEARCH AND
24 DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE ON THE FRONTLINES IN THE COMPETITION TO
25 MAINTAIN U.S. LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD'S CLEAN TECH ECONOMY.



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1 MILLIONS OF FIRST SOLAR PANELS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED WORLDWIDE
2 AND THEY'VE BEEN OPERATING FOR MANY YEARS. IN THE U.S., OUR
3 SOLAR PANELS ARE DEPLOYED ON UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS IN
4 CALIFORNIA AND IN NEVADA. THEY ARE ON COMMERCIAL ROOF TOPS IN
5 CALIFORNIA. AND WE HAVE POWER PLANTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN
6 ARIZONA, NEVADA, AND NEW MEXICO. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY SOLAR
7 PROJECT WILL BE OUR NEXT CALIFORNIA INSTALLATION. THE ANTELOPE
8 VALLEY IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S BEST AREAS FOR SOLAR ENERGY, THE
9 WORLD'S BEST AREAS FOR SOLAR ENERGY. WE HAVE A VALUABLE
10 RESOURCE HERE. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE FEDERAL
11 GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZE THAT AND HAVE AUTHORIZED THE ELECTRICAL
12 INTERCONNECTION SYSTEM FOR ACCESS TO THESE RENEWABLE
13 RESOURCES.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **PETER GUTIERREZ:** CAN I SAY ONE MORE THING?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ONE MORE THING.

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21 **PETER GUTIERREZ:** FINALLY, WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO
22 CONCLUDE THE PERMITTING PROCESS, WHICH BEGAN IN 2008. IT'S
23 IMPORTANT THAT THIS PROJECT QUALIFY FOR THE AMERICAN RECOVERY
24 AND REINVESTMENT ECONOMIC INCENTIVES. PLUS WE HAVE CONTRACTUAL
25 COMMITMENTS AND APPROVALS AND ACTIONS THAT CAN ONLY BE



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1 OBTAINED ONCE THIS C.U.P. IS GRANTED. SO IN CONCLUSION, I WANT
2 TO THANK MR. SOLAY, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXTRAORDINARY
3 STAFF OF YOURS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THEY HAVE DONE AND ASK
4 YOU TO DENY THIS APPEAL.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. WE HAVE MELVIN LAYNE,
7 VICKIE NELSON, LISA KRUEGER AND STIG NILSSON, PLEASE JOIN US.
8 MR. LAYNE? SIR?

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10 **MELVIN LAYNE:** YES. SORRY. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU. HONORABLE CHAIR
11 AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MEL LAYNE. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF
12 THE GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE LOCATED IN THE
13 ANTELOPE VALLEY. WE REPRESENT THE EAST KERN AND NORTH L.A.
14 COUNTY AND OUR MISSION IS TO BRING BUSINESSES TO THE ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY. OUR MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF FIVE CITIES, TWO AT
16 LANCASTER AND PALMDALE IN L.A. COUNTY AND THREE IN KERN. WE
17 COVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,000 SQUARE MILES. THE ORGANIZATION
18 HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR 10 YEARS AND HAS BROUGHT A NUMBER OF
19 JOBS AND BUSINESSES TO THE AREA AND ASSISTED THEM. NEXTLIGHT
20 IS JUST ONE OF THOSE BUSINESSES. I WOULD SAY THIS, THAT
21 NEXTLIGHT IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS SET THE STANDARD FOR
22 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT ALL BUSINESSES
23 THAT COME INTO OUR COMMUNITY COULD ASPIRE TO. WE HAVE ALSO
24 WORKED WITH MANY OTHER COMPANIES TO BRING IN ABOUT \$10 BILLION
25 WORTH OF SOLAR COMPANIES THAT ARE LOOKING AT OUR PARTICULAR



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1 AREA AND ARE IN THE PERMITTING PROCESS AT THIS PARTICULAR
2 TIME. THIS IS ALL BROUGHT ABOUT BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
3 BUILDING A 4500-MEGAWATT TRANSMISSION LINE, WHICH ALLOWS THE
4 ANTELOPE VALLEY TO SHINE WITH ITS NATURAL RESOURCES OF A LOT
5 OF SUN AND WIND THAT GENERATE CLEAN POWER. WE BELIEVE THAT
6 THIS IS THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE FOR THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF
7 PROPERTY. IT IS NO LONGER VIABLE FOR FARMING OR IN THE HOUSING
8 NOW IS DEPRESSED AND IT ALSO CONSERVES WATER, WHICH IS
9 SOMETHING THAT'S IMPORTANT TO OUR AREA. THERE'S ABOUT 71,000
10 JOBS OR PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL EVERY DAY OUT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
11 INTO THE L.A. BASIN. AND THAT'S BECAUSE IN OUR PARTICULAR
12 AREA, WE HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE
13 HAVE 17 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT. THIS VERY IMPORTANT TO CREATING
14 JOBS WITHIN THAT PARTICULAR AREA. WE BELIEVE THAT THE BENEFIT
15 OF THIS PROJECT ACCRUES NOT ONLY TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, BUT
16 BASICALLY THE POWER THAT'S GENERATED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
17 ACCRUES TO THE BENEFIT OF THOSE CITIZENS WHO LIVE IN THE L.A.
18 BASIN AND IS OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THEM AND THEREFORE WE ARE IN
19 SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE YOU MISS NELSON?

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23 **VICKIE NELSON:** YES.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ARE YOU MISS NELSON?



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2 **VICKIE NELSON:** YES.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS LISA KRUEGER NOT HERE? ALL RIGHT. WHAT
5 ABOUT STIG NILSSON, NOT HERE? ALL RIGHT. COULD WE HAVE
6 JENNIFER WU AND ROBERT RAY JOIN US? I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT
7 YOU. GO AHEAD MISS NELSON.

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9 **VICKIE NELSON:** HONORABLE CHAIRWOMAN AND SUPERVISORS. I AM
10 VICKIE NELSON, PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE ACRES TOWN COUNCIL.
11 THE ANTELOPE ACRES TOWN COUNCIL VOTED TO SUPPORT A.V. SOLAR
12 RANCH 1 PROJECT IN MARCH OF 2009. THIS ORIGINAL SUPPORT
13 POSITION OF OUR TOWN COUNCIL HAS NOT CHANGED. THEY HAVE WORKED
14 VERY CLOSELY WITH US FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND WE ARE
15 LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH FIRST SOLAR AS THE
16 PROJECT MOVES AHEAD. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LAST CALL ON VICKIE NELSON? AND
19 JENNIFER WU? IS ROBERT RAY HERE? HOW ABOUT LINDSAY SWAIN? ALL
20 RIGHT. CHRISTOPHER JULIAN? ALL RIGHT. THEY'RE NOT HERE. THAT
21 CONCLUDES THE TESTIMONY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST STATE THAT REGIONAL PLANNING
24 COMMISSION HAD CONSIDERED THIS FIRST SOLAR, OR NEXTLIGHT IT'S
25 CALLED, AT A NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 30. ACCORDING TO



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1 STAFF, THERE WERE 25 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT AT THE
2 HEARING. SEVERAL TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT. AND THERE WAS NO
3 TESTIMONY. AT MY REQUEST AND DESPITE THE INITIAL OBJECTIONS OF
4 THE APPLICANT, THE PROJECT HAS BEEN CONDITIONED TO UNDERGROUND
5 THE POWER LINES FROM THIS PROJECT THAT ARE WITHIN THE COUNTY
6 OF LOS ANGELES. NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE MAILED MORE
7 THAN 400 PROPERTY OWNERS AND A PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE WAS
8 PLACED ON THE PROPERTY ITSELF. IT'S BEEN CONSIDERED AT
9 MEETINGS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ACRES TOWN COUNCIL AS IT WAS
10 JUST MENTIONED BY THE CHAIRMAN, WHICH IS ON RECORD AS
11 SUPPORTING THE PROJECT. IT'S BEEN THE FOCUS OF MANY -- SEVERAL
12 MEDIA STORIES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS AND OTHER
13 NEWSPAPERS AND CABLE. REGIONAL PLANNING HAS IDENTIFIED NEARLY
14 TWO DOZEN POLICIES IN THE COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN AND ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY AREA'S PLAN RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR THIS PROJECT. THE
16 DOCUMENTS OF THE STAFF INDICATE THAT THE PROJECT COMPLIES WITH
17 THE ENVIRONMENTAL EQUALITY ACT, THE COUNTY'S C.E.Q.A.
18 GUIDELINES. AND THE STAFF ALSO INDICATES THAT THE FINDINGS
19 DEMONSTRATE THE PROPERTY CAN ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED USE AND
20 THAT ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE ALREADY EXISTS TO SERVE THE
21 PROJECT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LETTERS OF SUPPORT AS HAS BEEN
22 MENTIONED BY THE SPEAKERS FROM OUR SENATOR, DIANE FEINSTEIN,
23 OUR GOVERNOR, SCHWARZENEGGER, AND OUR STATE ASSEMBLYMAN STEVE
24 KNIGHT. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BOARD OF TRADE, THE GREATER VALLEY
25 BOARD OF REALTORS, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ACRES TOWN COUNCIL,



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1 LANCASTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ROSAMOND CHAMBER AND THE DESERT
2 MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY. THEY HAVE -- THE INPUT THAT OUR OFFICE
3 HAS RECEIVED FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENTS IS OVERWHELMINGLY
4 IN SUPPORT OF THAT PROJECT. AND WHILE THEY MENTION ABOUT
5 PUBLIC OR NATIONAL DEFENSE, THE DIRECTOR OF ENERGY SITING
6 CLEARINGHOUSE FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY OF
7 DEFENSE FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, DAVID BELOTE SENT A
8 MEMO OR EMAIL TO MR. SOLAY OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT
9 IN WHICH HE BASICALLY STATES THAT IN HIS ATTACHED LETTER, MR.
10 JAMES WOODRUFF OF FIRST SOLAR NOTIFIED ME OF THE UPCOMING
11 HEARING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AND A NUMBER OF OUR SUBJECT
12 MATTER EXPERTS AND LEGAL ADVISORS HAVE REVIEWED THIS LETTER AS
13 WELL AS A LETTER FROM KERN COUNTY TO DR. DOROTHY ROGAN, DEPUTY
14 UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INSTALLATION AND ENVIRONMENT,
15 NORTHROP GRUMMAN TEJON FACILITY REQUESTING FOR DIRECTION,
16 FEDERAL TAKINGS, DATED OCTOBER 19, 2010. IN OUR VIEW, THIS IS
17 A PRIVATE MATTER BETWEEN PUBLIC PARTIES AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS NO POSITION. IF YOU
19 HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CALL ME AT EITHER OF
20 THE NUMBERS BELOW. THAT'S FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FROM THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. SO I WOULD MAKE THE MOTION, MADAM
22 CHAIRMAN, THAT WE WOULD -- THAT THE BOARD MOVE THAT WE CLOSE
23 THE PUBLIC HEARING, INDICATE THE BOARD HAS REVIEWED AND
24 CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FINAL
25 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND THAT THIS REPORT REFLECTS THE



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1 INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF THE BOARD, CERTIFYING THAT THE FEDERAL
2 FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
3 PROVIDED BY REGIONAL PLANNING, THE MITIGATION, MONITORING, AND
4 REPORTING PROGRAM, C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT
5 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROJECT R2009-202239-(5)
6 INCLUDING VESTING TENTATIVE TRACK MAP NO. 071035 AND
7 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2009-00026 SIGNIFY THE BOARD'S
8 INTENT TO APPROVE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING
9 COMMISSION, SIGNIFYING THE BOARD'S INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL
10 FILED BY REPRESENTATIVES FOR NORTHROP GRUMMAN AND DIRECT
11 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND
12 CONDITIONS AND DOCUMENTS TO AFFIRM THE R.P.C. APPROVAL OF THE
13 PROJECT INCLUDING VESTING TENTATIVE TRACK MAP AND CONDITIONS
14 PERMIT NO. 200900026 AND DIRECTING COUNSEL AND THE EXECUTIVE
15 OFFICE TO BRING THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS BACK TO OUR BOARD
16 AT THE DECEMBER 7 MEETING.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT'S BEEN MOVED AND
19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO
20 THAT MOTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NO. 12.



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS THE DE NOVO HEARING OF PROJECT NO.
2 R2010-01046-(1-5), CASE NO. RADVT201000011 AND ENVIRONMENTAL
3 CASE NO. T201000057, PROPOSED ORDINANCE REVISIONS TO TITLE 22
4 OF THE COUNTY CODE THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR A COMPLETE BAN OF
5 ALL MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS
6 OF THE COUNTY. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND
7 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND THERE ARE SPEAKERS ON THIS
8 ITEM.

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10 **KAREN SIMMONS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M KAREN SIMMONS
11 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. SITTING HERE WITH ME
12 IS AGENT ING, ALSO WITH REGIONAL PLANNING. ON JULY 6, 2010,
13 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTED A MOTION THAT REQUESTED
14 REGIONAL PLANNING AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE
15 REVISION TO TITLE 22 OF THE COUNTY CODE THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR
16 THE FOLLOWING: A COMPLETE BAN OF ALL MEDICAL MARIJUANA
17 DISPENSARIES. THE PROPOSED M.M.D. ORDINANCE -- FOR THE
18 CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT OR THE COURT OF APPEALS ISSUES A
19 FINAL RULING PROVIDING THAT AN OUTRIGHT BAN IS UNLAWFUL THEN
20 EXITING M.M.D. REGULATIONS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT. IF THE
21 PROPOSITION 19 IS APPROVED IN NOVEMBER, A BILL REGARDING
22 LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA, THEN REGIONAL PLANNING AND COUNTY
23 COUNSEL SHOULD PROVIDE THE BOARD A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
24 REGARDING FURTHER ORDINANCE REVISIONS AND THE PLANNING
25 COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND FORWARD ITS



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE REVISIONS TO BOARD, TO
2 ITS CONSIDERATION. TO DATE, A COMPLETE BAN OF M.M.D.S HAS NOT
3 BEEN FOUND UNLAWFUL, AND THE VOTERS DID NOT PASS PROPOSITION
4 19. ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2010, THE COMMISSION CONDUCTED A PUBLIC
5 HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TITLE 22, TO BAN
6 MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. 14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SPOKE
7 IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT. NO MEMBERS OF THE
8 PUBLIC SPOKE IN FAVOR. MOST OF THE TESTIFIERS COMMENTED THAT
9 TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS COULD BE ADDED TO THE
10 EXISTING ORDINANCE RATHER THAN A COMPLETE BAN OF M.M.D.S. THE
11 COMMISSION RECOGNIZED THE PROACTIVE POSITION RECOMMENDATIONS
12 BY THE TESTIFIERS. THE COMMISSION ADOPTED RESOLUTION WHICH
13 RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER PROPOSED ORDINANCE
14 RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMISSION TO BAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA
15 DISPENSARIES. COUNTY COUNSEL CAN PREPARE THE FINAL ORDINANCE
16 LANGUAGE FOR THE BOARD'S APPROVAL. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S
17 PRESENTATION. I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ANYTHING ELSE? NO? ALL RIGHT. I
20 DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE WANTS TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE 17
21 SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. LET ME BEGIN WITH DAN KIRBY, FOLLOWED
22 BY SUE TAYLOR, AMANDA BRAZEL AND RICHARD KEARNS. SHOULD WE
23 LIMIT IT TO ONE MINUTE ON EACH SPEAKER? OKAY. LIMIT TO ONE
24 MINUTE, PLEASE. MR. KIRBY?



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1 **DAN KIRBY:** WELL GOOD MORNING AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF
2 YOU. MY NAME IS DAN KIRBY, I SERVED FROM 2003 TO 2009 AS AN
3 ELECTED COMMISSIONER ON THE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL. AND DURING
4 MY TIME THERE, THIS ISSUE CAME UP BEFORE US IN THE CITY OF
5 MONROVIA. AND WE VOTED A STRONG 5-0 UNANIMOUS OPINION TO BAN
6 MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN THE CITY OF MONROVIA. THAT
7 WAS BASED ON, FIRST OF ALL, STRONG OPPOSITION FROM OUR PUBLIC.
8 WE FIRST FOUND OUT ABOUT A PROPOSED BUSINESSMAN, YOU MIGHT
9 SAY. THEY CAME TO US AND SAID, YOU'VE GOT TO SEE WHAT THIS GUY
10 IS DOING. WE REFERRED IT TO OUR CITY ATTORNEY AND FOUND THAT
11 THE CASE LAW IS FLUID. IT'S DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS.
12 IT PUTS OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A DISADVANTAGE. AND SO THE
13 PRUDENT THING AND THE WISE THING TO DO WAS TO BAN THEM. I
14 THINK I WAS AT A REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN DUARTE JUST
15 RECENTLY AS WELL. AND THE OVERWHELMING PUBLIC OPINION IS
16 PLEASE, DON'T PUT THIS ANYWHERE NEAR US. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. SUE TAYLOR?

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20 **SUE TAYLOR:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SUE TAYLOR. AND I AM THE
21 PRESIDENT OF ICANN HEALTH CENTER, A NONPROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT
22 COOPERATION. I HAVE ALSO SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION IN
23 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. AND I
24 AM HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK YOU NOT TO BAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA.
25 IF YOU BAN, IT WILL TAKE PEOPLE SUCH AS MYSELF OUT OF THE LOOP



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1 OF PROVIDING QUALITY MEDICINES FOR CHRONICALLY ILL PATIENTS.
2 IT WOULD BE LIKE A SLAP ON THE HAND FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING
3 TO ABIDE BY THE LAW, WHO ARE TRYING TO PROVIDE A SERVICE FOR
4 THE PUBLIC. YET IT WOULD DO NOTHING, THE BAN WOULD DO NOTHING
5 FOR THESE POT SHOPS, UNREGULATED CLUBS THAT ARE SHOWING UP
6 EVERYWHERE. I, TOO, USED TO THINK THE WAY THIS GENTLEMAN DID
7 UNTIL I DID THE RESEARCH AND FOUND OUT WHAT WORK. ICANN
8 WELLNESS CENTER HAS -- THE CLUBS THAT WORK, THE CAREGIVERS
9 THAT WORK, THE PLACES THAT WORK ARE THE ONES THAT FOLLOW THE
10 LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS TAYLOR. MISS BRAZEL. WE
13 DON'T ALLOW ANY CLAPPING DURING THE TESTIMONY. WE DON'T ALLOW
14 ANY CLAPPING. IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR SPEAKER, YOU CAN DO
15 THIS QUIETLY. THANK YOU. MISS BRAZEL.

16

17 **AMANDA BRAZEL:** THANK YOU. I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY THAT IT IS
18 INCUMBENT UPON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO UPHOLD THE SPIRIT AND THE
19 WILL OF THE VOTERS WHO VOTED TO APPROVE SAFE ACCESS FOR THE
20 CHRONICALLY ILL PEOPLE WHO NEED IT IN 1996 AND TO REGULATE
21 DISPENSING COLLECTIVES WHO PROVIDE CANNABIS FOR THE SAFETY OF
22 BOTH THE PATIENTS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. THE LACK OF
23 WORKING REGULATIONS LEAVES US LESS SAFE BECAUSE WHEN WE SAY
24 NO, WE FOREGO THE ABILITY TO SAY HOW. AND THE REALITY IS THAT
25 THIS IS HAPPENING ANYWAY. ANOTHER REALITY IS THAT REGULATIONS



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1 WORK. IN SOME DISPENSARIES THERE ARE STANDARDS OF QUALITY THAT
2 IDENTIFY PLANS THAT HAVE PESTICIDES AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS
3 THAT ARE INVISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE. THESE ELEMENTS CAN BE
4 VERY HARMFUL TO PATIENTS AND NEED TO BE SCREENED FOR. THE TYPE
5 OF TESTING, THIS TYPE OF TESTING IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE
6 STREETS WHERE PATIENTS WOULD BE TURNED TO IF THERE WERE TO BE
7 A BAN IN L.A., AND SUCH TESTING IS ONLY AVAILABLE IN
8 REGULATED, LEGITIMATE ESTABLISHMENTS. AND SO PLEASE VOTE NO ON
9 THE BAN.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COULD I HAVE LORING GREENE JOIN
12 US? CRAIG LITWIN AND ALLEN FRANKEL? MR. KEARNS?

13

14 **RICHARD KEARNS:** HI. GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN MOLINA, MEMBERS OF
15 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS RICHARD KEARNS, I'M A 59-YEAR-OLD GAY
16 MAN WITH AIDS. I HAVE HAD AIDS FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS NOW. I'M
17 HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO THE BAN. I WAS HEARTENED THIS
18 MORNING WITH REVEREND NEUENSCHWANDER'S INVOCATION OF THE
19 MEETING AS PART OF A SEASON OF COMPASSION. AND I WOULD SUGGEST
20 TO YOU THAT COMPASSION IS A SUCCESSFUL ELEMENT OF GENERATING
21 PUBLIC POLICY. AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE INTENT OF THIS
22 MOTION IS NOT COMPASSIONATE. COMPASSION IS PORTRAYED BY
23 ADOPTING THE PETS THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAD WITH HIM. OR
24 BY RECOGNIZING THE EXCELLENCE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS, INCLUDING
25 MARY RIDGEWAY. SHE'S KNOWN BECAUSE SHE'S COMPASSIONATE,



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1 BECAUSE SHE WENT FURTHER THAN SHE HAD TO GO. PLEASE BE
2 COMPASSIONATE. PLEASE ALLOW US TO REGULATE THESE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. KEARNS. MR. GREENE?

5

6 **LORING GREENE:** THANK YOU. DO ANY OF YOU SUPERVISORS HAVE ANY
7 VISION? OF COURSE NOT. YOU DON'T SMOKE POT. IF YOU DID, YOU'D
8 KNOW THAT CANNABIS WHEN USED APPROPRIATELY DOES THE BODY, MIND
9 AND SPIRIT MORE GOOD THAN IT DOES HARM. YOU'D ALSO KNOW WHY 15
10 STATES HAVE NOW PASSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAWS INCLUDING, IN
11 CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. PERSONALLY
12 I THINK WE DODGED A BULLET WITH THE FAILURE OF PROP 19. BUT IF
13 WE CAN'T FIND A WAY TO PROVIDE SAFE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS
14 TO ANYONE WHO FEELS THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM IT, THEN SOMETHING
15 LIKE PROP 19 WILL PASS AND IT WILL BE JUST WHAT WE DESERVE.
16 MEDICAL CANNABIS IS LEGAL IN CALIFORNIA. SHOW SOME VISION AND
17 RECOGNIZE THAT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. LITWIN?

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21 **CRAIG LITWIN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS CRAIG LITWIN. I AM THE
22 DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FOR CANNABIS. WE'RE A MEDICAL
23 CANNABIS CONSULTING FIRM THAT HELPS NONPROFITS TO DO IT THE
24 RIGHT WAY. I'M ALSO A FORMER MAYOR FROM A CITY UP NORTH IN
25 SONOMA COUNTY. I COAUTHORED FOUR YEARS AGO OUR SUCCESSFUL



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1 MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY ORDINANCE. I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE
2 YOU TO TAKE SOME MORE TIME TO STUDY THIS ISSUE. THERE ARE
3 ALTERNATIVES TO THE BAN. YOU CAN LOOK AT WAYS OF TIGHTENING UP
4 YOUR REGULATIONS THAT DON'T CURRENTLY EXIST IN THE ORDINANCE
5 ON THE BOOKS. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU CAN HAVE AN ANNUALLY-EXPIRING
6 PERMIT THAT YOU MAKE THE APPLICANT WHO'S ISSUED A PERMIT GO
7 THROUGH EACH YEAR. THAT WAY IF THEY MESS UP, YOU PULL THE
8 PERMIT FROM THEM. THIS IS JUST ONE OF A DOZEN WAYS THAT MR.
9 WAYNE ABERSHAW, AN ATTORNEY THAT WE'VE OBTAINED, HAS SUBMITTED
10 TO YOU IN WRITING. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT
11 THAT. AGAIN, AS WELL YOU CAN LOOK AT WAYS TO REALLY STUDY THE
12 ISSUE, LOOK AT WHAT HAS HAPPENED DOWN SOUTH. LOOK AT WHAT'S
13 HAPPENED IN ALL OF THE COMMUNITIES AROUND YOU WHERE THEY'VE
14 ACTUALLY TIGHTENED IT UP AND GOTTEN THE BAD PLAYERS OUT.
15 REGARDLESS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE THROWING OPEN, AND YOU
16 NEED TO HAVE YOUR CODE ENFORCEMENT STRONG AND ROBUST IN ORDER
17 TO STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE LORENE SPARVIERO
20 AND DON DUNCAN.

21

22 **ALLAN FRANKEL:** MY NAME IS DR. ALLAN FRANKEL. I'M A BOARD
23 CERTIFIED INTERNIST WHO HAS PRACTICED MEDICINE IN SANTA MONICA
24 AND MARINA DEL REY FOR THE LAST 32 YEARS. MY INITIAL CONTACT
25 WITH CANNABIS WAS IN THE 1970S AT U.C.L.A. ON THE CANCER WARDS



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1 WHERE THESE VERY ILL PATIENTS WOULD RECEIVE CANNABIS AND BE
2 WHEELED OUT TO A FIRE ESCAPE AND IMPROVE. I ACTUALLY DIDN'T
3 HAVE ANY PERSONAL CONTACT WITH CANNABIS FOR SOME 30 YEARS
4 LATER. FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS I HAVE BUILT GREEN BRIDGE
5 MEDICAL IN MARINA DEL REY. AND THE GOALS OF US AND THE PEOPLE
6 THAT WORK WITH US IS TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY MEDICINE TO THE
7 PATIENTS, NOT VERY DISSIMILAR FROM THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE
8 THAT I DID FOR 25 YEARS. I FEEL THAT A BAN ON THE DISPENSARIES
9 WOULD BE EXCESSIVE. I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY VOLUNTEER ANY
10 TIME THAT I CAN AS A PHYSICIAN TO HELP WORKING OUT DETAILS OF
11 THE CLUBS, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DISPENSARIES AND THE
12 PHYSICIANS, AND WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS BAN. THANK
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS SPARVIERO?

16

17 **LORENE SPARVIERO:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. THANK YOU FOR LETTING
18 ME SPEAK. MY NAME IS LORENE SPARVIERO AND I AM 54 YEARS OLD
19 AND I AM A MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT. WESTERN MEDICATION, IT
20 NEVER HELPED ME. I ALMOST LOST MY EYESIGHT FROM IT. THAT'S THE
21 VISOR, I CAN'T TAKE LIGHT FROM ABOVE. I HEARD EVERYONE, THE
22 REVEREND SPEAK THIS MORNING. I HEARD MR. MIKE SPEAK ABOUT
23 COMPASSION. I'M HOPING THAT YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION: DON'T
24 TAKE AWAY OUR SAFE ACCESS. PLEASE, WE NEED IT. I NEED A
25 SPECIFIC KIND OF CANNABIS THAT HELPS MY PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.



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1 I CAN'T JUST GET THAT ON THE STREETS. SO I'M BEGGING YOU,
2 PLEASE, PLEASE, LET'S LOOK AT THE ORDINANCES. LET'S LOOK AT
3 THE LAWS. LET'S COME TOGETHER AS ONE AND MAKE IT RIGHT FOR
4 EVERYBODY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VICTORIA ZAVALA, FOLLOWED BY
7 KITSHWA GENAMA. MR. DUNCAN.

8

9 **DON DUNCAN:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DON DUNCAN.
10 I'M THE CALIFORNIA DIRECTOR FOR AMERICANS FOR SAFE ACCESS AND
11 WITH CANNBE. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO REJECT THE BAN
12 ON MEDICAL CANNABIS COLLECTIVES. I TRUST YOU HAVE ALL HAD AN
13 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEWED THE LETTER THAT I SUBMITTED TO YOUR
14 OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY OF LAST WEEK AND THE REPORT THAT I
15 DELIVERED ON THURSDAY. THAT REPORT SHOWS THAT OUR EXPERIENCE
16 AND OUR RESEARCH DEMONSTRATE THAT SENSIBLE REGULATIONS FOR
17 MEDICAL CANNABIS COLLECTIVES REDUCE CRIME AND REDUCE
18 COMPLAINTS. I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS. AND
19 THE WAY TO DEAL WITH THOSE IS WITH REGULATION AND NOT WITH A
20 BAN THAT PUSHES BACK THIS ACTIVITY INTO THE SHADOWS AND
21 REVERSES THE COUNTY'S HISTORIC SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS.
22 MANY OF YOU, IN FACT I BELIEVE ALL BUT ONE OF YOU VOTED TO
23 SUPPORT THE MEDICAL CANNABIS ORDINANCE IN 2006. I HOPE YOU'LL
24 STAND BY THAT AND REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO URGENCY TODAY. THE
25 COUNTY IS NOT BEING OVERRUN. AND WHERE THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH



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1 UNLICENSED AND UNPERMITTED COLLECTIVES, THAT CAN BE DEALT WITH
2 WITH ENFORCEMENT. SO PLEASE DON'T RUSH TODAY. TAKE SOME TIME
3 AND WORK THIS OUT SO THAT WE DON'T NEED A BAN IN LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MISS ZAVALA?

7

8 **VICTORIA ZAVALA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AGAIN
9 THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME. MY NAME IS VICTORIA ZAVALA. I'M A 37-
10 YEAR-OLD LATIN WOMAN THAT RESIDES IN THE CITY OF QUARTZ HILL
11 IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA. I FIRST RESIDED IN ANTELOPE VALLEY
12 IN 2005. I BECAME A MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENT IN 2007. SOON I
13 BEGAN TO GO AND ADVOCATE AND I ACTUALLY GRADUATED FROM
14 OAKSTERDAM UNIVERSITY IN 2008. THEREAFTER IN 2009 I FORMED A
15 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT'S CALLED ALTERNATIVE HEALING
16 COLLECTIVE AND WELLNESS CENTER. WITH THAT IN THAT AREA, WHEN I
17 WAS A FORMER COUNCIL CANDIDATE IN APRIL, I FOUND OUT LATER
18 THAT I ACTUALLY LIVE IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF QUARTZ HILL.
19 SO I'M ASKING YOU TODAY, I'M BEGGING YOU, I'M URGING YOU, WE
20 CANNOT HAVE THIS BAN RIGHT NOW IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. LOOK AT
21 OUR AREA. LOOK AT THAT MAP. ALL THAT'S WHITE IS
22 UNINCORPORATED. THERE'S ONLY TWO CITIES, WHICH IS LANCASTER
23 AND PALMDALE. THEY HAVE AN ORDINANCE AND THEY HAVE A
24 MORATORIUM. THESE ARE THE THINGS WE NEED TO FOCUS ON. THIS IS
25 OUR LOCAL HOSPITAL AND OUR HEALTHCARE. THESE ARE TWO



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1 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASLEEP WITH AN INMATE. YOU KNOW, SAFE
2 ACCESS WAS BROUGHT UPON 215 S.B.420 IN ATTORNEY GENERAL
3 GUIDELINES. I'M ASKING YOU PLEASE WE CAN'T HAVE THIS BAN RIGHT
4 NOW. WORK WITH ME, ANTONOVICH. PLEASE, WE NEED SAFE ACCESS IN
5 OUR AREA.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MISS GENAMA?

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9 **KITSHWA GENAMA:** GENAMA, CORRECT. GOOD MORNING CHAIRWOMAN AND
10 GOOD MORNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KITSHWA GENAMA.
11 I WAS ACTUALLY BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES AND CURRENTLY
12 RESIDE IN SAN FRANCISCO BUT WILL BE RELOCATING IN THE NEXT
13 COUPLE OF MONTHS. I ALSO AM A REPRESENTATIVE OF ICANN HEALTH
14 CENTER, WHO IS A NONPROFIT CORPORATION WHO HAS APPLIED FOR A
15 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION THAT WAS
16 SUBMITTED A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO AND THAT WAS FULLY ACCEPTED.
17 I'M HERE ASKING ALSO THAT YOU DO NOT BAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA,
18 THAT YOU INSTEAD CONSIDER STRENGTHENING THE ORDINANCE THAT WAS
19 IN PLACE AS OF 2006 AND ALSO PUTTING SAFETY PROVISIONS, EXCUSE
20 ME, AND THINGS IN PLACE THAT WOULD ALLOW SAFE ACCESS TO
21 MEDICINE TO ALL THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THESE UNINCORPORATED
22 AREAS. I'M ALSO URGING YOU AND ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER IF THE
23 BOARD DOES DECIDE TODAY TO BAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA, THAT YOU DO
24 CONSIDER APPLICANTS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AND YOU
25 ALLOW THEM TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF AN EXEMPLARY MODEL. EXCUSE ME.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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4 **KITSHWA GENAMA:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE MICHAEL LEVITT, DEGE COUTEE?

7 PLEASE JOIN US. SUSAN O'LEARY AND DARYL JAMES. PLEASE PROCEED.

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9 **MICHAEL LEVITT:** HI. SUPERVISORS, I'M MICHAEL LEVITT. I'M A 55-
10 YEAR-OLD RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. AND ACTUALLY I'M A NATIVE
11 HERE. I WANT TO THANK YOU TODAY FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. I'D
12 FIRST LIKE TO TELL YOU THAT THE BAN DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. YOU'RE
13 GOING AGAINST WHAT THE PEOPLE HERE IN CALIFORNIA VOTED FOR. IT
14 WAS A MAJORITY. WE SAID WE WANTED TO USE IT FOR MEDICINE. IT
15 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO TAKE AND MAKE SICK PEOPLE TRAVEL
16 UNNECESSARY DISTANCES TO GET THEIR CANNABIS. IT'S LEGAL. THEY
17 SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT. EVEN IF YOU WANT TO TAKE A PASS ON
18 MAKING REVENUES THAT YOU CAN COLLECT, YOUR NEIGHBORS WILL BE
19 COLLECTING IT ACROSS THE STREET IN REGULAR LOS ANGELES CITIES.
20 SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL CONSIDER IT THAT WAY, IF NOT FOR ANY
21 OTHER REASON. BUT BASICALLY IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE, TO ME
22 AND PROBABLY MOST PEOPLE, TO REGULATE IT. THIS WAY YOU HAVE
23 SOME CONTROL OVER WHAT'S GOING ON. THANK YOU. DO NOT CONSIDER
24 THIS BAN.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS COUTEE?

2

3 **DEGE COUTEE:** YES, DEGE COUTEE, CENTRAL HOLLYWOOD. THANK YOU,
4 SUPERVISORS, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO HEAR THIS ISSUE TODAY. I
5 WOULD, AS WELL, LIKE TO GO BACK TO THE REVEREND'S WORDS THIS
6 MORNING TALKING ABOUT STIRRING US TO COMPASSION. OVER THE LAST
7 FEW MONTHS, YOU'VE HEARD FROM WELL OVER A DOZEN EXPERTS IN THE
8 FIELD OF PROVIDING MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT CARE AND I HOPE
9 THAT YOU'VE LOOKED OVER THE TESTIMONY AND THE BACKGROUND
10 INFORMATION. IT'S ALL DOCUMENTED FOR YOU. I HOPE THAT WHAT
11 YOU'VE REALIZED IS THAT STRICT REGULATIONS ARE BETTER THAN A
12 BAN. AND A BAN IS NOT GOING TO HELP STIR COMPASSION IN OUR
13 COMMUNITY. I DIRECT A COUPLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. I'M
14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A 501(C)(3) THAT PROVIDES EDUCATION TO
15 MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENTS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. AND I'M ALSO
16 A DIRECTOR OF A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, AND WE WORKED HARD
17 ON THE RECENT ELECTION. AND WHAT I'VE SEEN IS THAT PATIENTS
18 ARE BECOMING MORE EDUCATED AND POLITICALLY AWARE. AND I HOPE
19 THIS ISN'T TURNING INTO POLITICAL RETALIATION ON THE HIGH
20 COUNTY LEVEL AGAINST THE PATIENTS, AND I HOPE YOU'LL OPPOSE
21 THE BAN.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WANT TO CALL UP RICHARD
24 EASTMAN AS WELL AS ARNOLD SACHS. MISS O'LEARY?

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1 **SUSAN O'LEARY:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD. I'M SUSAN O'LEARY. I'M A MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT.
3 AND I'M URGING YOU. I OPPOSE THE PROPOSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA
4 BAN. THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT A WELL-RUN DISPENSING COLLECTIVE
5 LEADS TO CRIME AND I THINK IT'S UNFAIR TO STIGMATIZE LEGAL
6 PATIENTS BY TREATING THEIR COLLECTIVE LIKE A CRIMINAL OR
7 NUISANCE ACTIVITY. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DARYL JAMES? NO? MR. EASTMAN?

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11 **RICHARD EASTMAN:** DISTINGUISHED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GLORIA
12 MOLINA, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND MIKE ANTONOVICH, THE GUY THAT TRIED
13 TO BAN US IN 1996. MY VOICE IS A LITTLE FRAZZLED BECAUSE I WAS
14 SPEAKING TO 5,000 PATIENTS DOWN IN ORANGE COUNTY RECENTLY. AND
15 I'M A PERSON LIVING WITH AIDS THAT SERVED AS A COMMISSIONER
16 FOR FOUR YEARS AND I'M STILL HERE 16 YEARS LATER WITH 650 T
17 CELLS AND UNDETECTABLE AND THE MARIJUANA IS MY MEDICINE. YOU
18 CAN'T BAN IT, MR. ANTONOVICH, LIKE YOU TRIED TO DO IN 1996
19 BEFORE WE EVEN PUT IT ON THE BALLOT. I'M URGING ALL THE
20 SUPERVISORS THAT SUPPORTED ALL MY YEARS OF EFFORTS TO FIGHT
21 FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS AND CANCER AND GLAUCOMA AND MULTIPLE
22 SCLEROSIS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY
23 TO UPHOLD THE LAW OF THE LAND. AND BARACK OBAMA, OUR PRESIDENT
24 EVEN AGREES WITH ME. AND WE HAVE 15 STATES. DON'T YOU GET THE
25 MESSAGE, MIKE ANTONOVICH? I'M LOSING MY VOICE BECAUSE, YOU



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1 KNOW, YOU IRRITATE ME. AND IF I WAS IN YOUR DISTRICT WOULD
2 VOTE YOU OUT. PLEASE DO NOT BAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA SO THAT MY
3 FRIENDS CAN LIVE 16 YEARS LIKE I HAVE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE DAVID SERRANO, HE YOU WOULD
6 JOIN US? MR. SACHS?

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. EVEN THE
9 INCOMPETENT CITY COUNCIL OF L.A. HAS MANAGED TO CREATE AN
10 ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWS FOR THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. IN
11 SPITE OF TRIPPING ALL OVER THEMSELVES, THEY DID THIS. THE CITY
12 OF L.A. WAS 8 MILLION PEOPLE? THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE
13 COUNTY THAT YOU HAVE SO DILIGENTLY BANNED PLASTIC BAGS FROM
14 STARTING NEXT YEAR, ENCOMPASSES HOW MUCH OF THE POPULATION?
15 YOU CAN'T SEEM TO COME UP WITH AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD REFLECT
16 SOME OF THE GOOD THAT CAME FROM THE CITY OF L.A.'S ORDINANCE
17 THAT WOULD SERVE THE COUNTY. YOU CAN'T WORK IN CONJUNCTION
18 WITH THE LARGEST CITY, THE SECOND LARGEST CITY IN THE COUNTRY
19 THAT HAS ALLOWED FOR THE USE, ALTHOUGH RESTRICTED, OF MEDICAL
20 MARIJUANA. I THINK THAT SPEAKER EARLIER WAS WRONG. YOU MAY NOT
21 BE SMOKING MARIJUANA BUT YOU'RE DEFINITELY SMOKING SOMETHING.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SERRANO?

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1 **DAVID SERRANO:** YES. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT. I
2 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE FEDERAL LAWS
3 AND STATE LAWS CONCERNING MEDICINAL MARIJUANA. SIMULTANEOUSLY,
4 I THINK IF THOSE ISSUES CAN BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN FEDERAL AND
5 STATE. I THINK THE STATE SHOULD BE THE ONES SELLING THE
6 MARIJUANA AND MAKING ALL THE MONEY FROM IT. WHY, THIS STATE IS
7 DESPERATE FOR MONEY. IF THE STATE COULD ACTUALLY REGULATE IT
8 AND BE THE ONES SELLING IT, THEN YOU WON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS
9 WITH, YOU KNOW -- YOU THINK PEOPLE DOING IT ILLEGALLY OR
10 PROBLEMS WITHIN THE MEDICAL DISPENSARIES =, LET THE STATE SELL
11 IT. THE STATE SHOULD BE SELLING THE MEDICINAL MARIJUANA AND
12 MAKING ALL THE MONEY FROM IT. AND THEN THEY CAN USE THAT MONEY
13 TO REINVEST IT IN THE SCHOOLS. THEY CAN USE THAT MONEY AND USE
14 IT FOR SOMETHING GOOD. WHY DO YOU WANT US IT-- WHY DOES
15 INDIVIDUAL MEDICINAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, THEY'RE MAKING
16 ALL THE MONEY, GIVING YOU A LITTLE BIT OF CHUMP CHANGE FOR TAX
17 WHEN THE STATE COULD MAKE ALL THE MONEY. THE STATE SHOULD BE
18 SELLING THE MEDICINAL MARIJUANA. THERE YOU GO.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES OUR SPEAKERS ON
21 THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DID YOU HAVE A MOTION ON
22 THIS ITEM?

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE TWO COMMENTS I WANT TO
25 MAKE. ONE, I JUST WANT TO REPRISE WHAT I SAID LAST TIME THIS



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1 CAME UP, WHICH -- AND I KNOW THERE'S NO SUPPORT FOR THAT
2 APPARENTLY HERE TODAY AND THAT IS THAT A COMPLETE BAN IS NOT
3 GOING TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES THAT ALL OF US WANT TO ACHIEVE
4 WITH SOME OF THESE OUT-OF-CONTROL ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES WHICH
5 HAVE POPPED UP IN VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED AREAS, ALSO IN
6 INCORPORATED AREAS, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY JURISDICTION OVER
7 THEM. IT'S THE ILLEGAL ONES, THE ONES THAT DIDN'T COME IN FOR
8 PERMITS THAT ARE CREATING A LOT OF THE PROBLEMS, ALMOST ALL OF
9 THE PROBLEMS IF I RECALL THE TESTIMONY FROM A FEW WEEKS AGO.
10 IT'S THE ONES THAT COME IN FOR PERMITS THAT WE HAVE SOME
11 CONSIDERABLE LEVERAGE OVER, AND THAT IS WE CAN PULL THEIR
12 PERMITS IF THEY COME IN AND IF THEY DON'T COMPLY WITH THE
13 TERMS OF THEIR PERMITS. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT I DON'T KNOW
14 ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE, BUT I DO KNOW QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE,
15 CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDS OF MINE OVER THE YEARS, OVER THE LAST
16 30 YEARS, WHO HAVE HAD SERIOUS CANCER, IN SOME CASES TERMINAL
17 CANCER FOR WHOM MEDICAL MARIJUANA WAS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
18 SOME KIND OF A SEMBLANCE OF A QUALITY OF LIFE IN THEIR FINAL
19 DAYS AND MONTHS AND THOSE WHO WEREN'T. THIS IS NOT SOME KIND
20 OF A SCHEME OR A SCAM. IT'S NOT SOME KIND OF A JOKE. THIS
21 ACTUALLY HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT ON REAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE REAL
22 DISEASES THAT CAN BE MITIGATED IN SOME CASES WITH MEDICAL
23 MARIJUANA. AND THAT'S WHY MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS LEGAL IN THIS
24 STATE. UNFORTUNATELY, PEOPLE WHO HAVE PREYED ON THIS MEDICAL
25 MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF IT, HAVE MADE IT



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1 IMPOSSIBLE, BOTH POLITICALLY AND LOGICALLY, FOR A LOT OF
2 PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IT. AND THAT'S
3 UNFORTUNATE. AND IT'S NOT THESE FOLKS' FAULT. THEY'RE
4 RESPONDING AS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WAS RESPONDING LAST
5 WEEK, TO ISSUES THAT ARE CONCERNING ALL KINDS OF
6 NEIGHBORHOODS, INCLUDING MY OWN WHERE THERE'S BEEN A
7 PROLIFERATION. BUT I'M NOT PREPARED TO VOTE AGAINST -- I'M
8 SORRY. I'M NOT PREPARED TO VOTE FOR A BAN TODAY, AND I'M JUST
9 GOING TO MAKE THAT COMMENT. BUT I DO BELIEVE, NOW I'LL SEGUE
10 TO THE OTHER POINT I WANTED TO MAKE, THAT I THINK WE CAN ALL
11 AGREE THAT THE ONES THAT ARE -- THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA
12 DISPENSARIES OR MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES THAT HAVE POPPED UP
13 ILLEGALLY NEED TO BE SHUT DOWN AND NEED TO BE SHUT DOWN AS
14 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU'RE PRO
15 MEDICAL MARIJUANA OR ANTI-MEDICAL MARIJUANA. WE PUT TOGETHER A
16 SET OF RULES AND IF YOU DON'T LIVE BY THOSE RULES YOU DON'T
17 DESERVE TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS COUNTY OR ANYWHERE ELSE. SO I
18 HAVE THE FOLLOWING MOTION I WANT TO READ IN, MADAM CHAIR, AS
19 AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM 12. "IN 1996, CALIFORNIA VOTERS APPROVED
20 THE COMPASSIONATE USE ACT OF 2006 THAT ALLOWED CANCER
21 PATIENTS, AIDS PATIENTS AND OTHERS WITH THE TRUE MEDICAL NEED
22 TO ALLEVIATE PAIN AND SUFFERING TO OBTAIN AND USE MEDICAL
23 MARIJUANA FOR THAT PURPOSE. IN 2004, THE STATE LEGISLATURE
24 ENACTED IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR THIS POPULAR INITIATIVE.
25 AND IN 2006, THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOLLOWED SUIT BY



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1 SETTING UP A RIGOROUS PERMITTING PROCESS TO AUTHORIZE
2 APPROPRIATELY LICENSED DISTRIBUTORS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TO
3 OPERATE IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. UNFORTUNATELY, A
4 NUMBER OF BAD ACTORS HAVE CHOSEN TO VIOLATE COUNTY LAW AND
5 OPERATE MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE
6 APPROPRIATE REVIEW MECHANISMS. COUNTY ENFORCEMENT TEAMS HAVE
7 WORKED TO SHUT DOWN THESE OPERATORS BUT THEIR EFFORTS HAVE
8 OFTEN BEEN TOO SLOW FOR THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. EVEN WORSE,
9 SOME CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY HAVE UTTERLY FAILED TO
10 APPROPRIATELY CONTROL ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES OPERATING IN THEIR
11 JURISDICTIONS. THE LAWBREAKERS WHO OPERATE THESE ILLEGAL
12 FACILITIES HAVE SEVERELY HARMED OUR COMMUNITIES AND GIVEN A
13 BAD NAME TO THOSE WHO SEEK TO COMPLY WITH THE TRUE INTENT OF
14 THE COMPASSIONATE USE ACT. SEPARATE FROM THE PROPOSED
15 ORDINANCE THAT IS BEFORE US, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD
16 TAKE DECISIVE ACTION TO AGGRESSIVELY SHUT DOWN THE ILLEGAL
17 OPERATORS. THIS BOARD CAN DO THIS BY DIRECTING STAFF TO
18 UTILIZE THE TOUGHEST AVAILABLE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS AGAINST
19 ILLEGAL OPERATORS, INCLUDING IMPOSING FINES OF UP TO \$1,000
20 PER DAY AGAINST THE OPERATORS AND/OR LANDLORDS OF ILLEGAL
21 MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS, NUMBER ONE, DIRECT REGIONAL PLANNING, COUNTY
23 COUNSEL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS TO PROACTIVELY
24 IMPLEMENT AT THE SOONEST PRACTICABLE TIME BUT WITHIN 45 DAYS
25 THE COUNTY'S TITLE 1 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES WHICH COULD ADD



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1 FINES OF UP TO \$1,000 PER DAY LEVIED AGAINST ILLEGAL OPERATORS
2 OR THE LANDLORDS WHO SUPPORT THEM, WHICH FINES COULD START
3 FROM THE FIRST DAY THAT A ZONING INSPECTION FIRST DOCUMENTS
4 ILLEGAL DISPENSARY ACTIVITY AND COULD CONTINUE UNTIL THE
5 ILLEGAL OPERATION CLOSES OR RECEIVES THE NECESSARY PERMITS AND
6 WHICH FINES WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE COUNTY'S EXISTING
7 ENFORCEMENT TOOLS. AND NUMBER TWO, DIRECT REGIONAL PLANNING TO
8 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN 60 DAYS AND AGAIN
9 IN 120 DAYS THEREAFTER REGARDING, A, THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL
10 DISPENSARIES OPERATING IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS, B,
11 AN ENUMERATION OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST THOSE
12 OPERATORS. AND C, THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL OPERATORS THAT HAVE
13 CLOSED FOLLOWING COUNTY ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS."

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME UNDERSTAND YOURS
16 CORRECTLY. CAN WE DO THE \$1,000 FINES?

17

18 **ANDREA ORDIN:** IT'S PRESENTLY IN THE CODE NOW. SO, YES, WE DO
19 HAVE \$1,000 -- WE HAVE AUTHORITY UNDER TITLE 1.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO IT'S ALREADY IN THERE NOW?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S IN THE CODE.

24

25 **ANDREA ORDIN:** YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO WHY AREN'T THEY FINING THEM?

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4 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I THINK WE WERE CLOSING DOWN NOW A SUBSTANTIAL
5 NUMBER.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT WHY ARE WE HAVING TO
8 HAVE A REPORT ON THE FINE NOW? IF THEY'RE ALREADY DOING IT?

9

10 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I'M NOT SURE ALL OF THE CASES USED THE FINE
11 PROVISION IN THE PAST.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T THEY USE IT? THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO
14 USE IT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT I'M BEING TOLD, THE PROBLEM WITH THAT --

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS ONE?
19 THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** DOES THIS MAKE IT QUICKER?

22

23 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I THINK WHAT THE HOPE WAS TO ENCOURAGE THE USE
24 OF THE FINE INsofar AS IT WOULD INCREASE THE DETERRENT EFFECT.
25 AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE EXPEDITED THE CLOSURE OF THESE MEDICAL



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1 MARIJUANA PHARMACIES SINCE YOUR RECENT BOARD MEMOS. SO WE HAVE
2 INDEED, AS YOU REMEMBER IN YOUR SEPTEMBER 22 LETTER, WE HAD A
3 LIST OF ALL OF THE CASES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE
6 DIFFERENCE HERE. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS 1,000 AND
7 THE 1,000 WE'RE DOING NOW THAT ISN'T COLLECTED?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IF I CAN TAKE A SHOT AT THIS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO SEE 1,000 -- WHAT'S
12 WORST ABOUT IT IS THEY CAN OPEN UP AND WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH
13 SOME DUE PROCESS TO CLOSE THEM UP. AND I THINK THAT'S UNFAIR.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IF I CAN HELP WITH THIS, I JUST
16 CHECKED WITH MY STAFF TO BE SURE I AM RIGHT ABOUT THIS. I
17 THINK THE ONE IS THE CRIMINAL CODE AND THIS IS THE CIVIL CODE.
18 AND THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT REALLY NEEDS, FOR WHATEVER REASON,
19 HAS CHOSEN TO GO THE OTHER ROUTE AND NOT THIS ROUTE. AND I'M
20 NOT GOING TO SECOND GUESS YOU. BUT I THINK NOW THIS IS A
21 QUICKER WAY TO GET IT DONE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT TO BE CIVIL NOW?

24



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1 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I THINK IT COMES OUT OF A SPECIFIC FUND, AND
2 MAYBE MR. HAFETZ HERE CAN EXPLAIN THAT, WHY THEY HAVE NOT BEEN
3 USING THIS ONE IN THE PAST?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME, I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. IF IT'S WHY WE
6 HAVEN'T BEEN, WE'RE RELYING ON THE OTHER EFFORTS AND JUST HAVE
7 THE NOT USED THE FINING MECHANISM, COLLECTING IT AND WHATNOT
8 HAS BEEN A LITTLE BIT OF A BURDEN. BUT WE'VE GONE OTHER ROUTES
9 AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY--

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY DID YOU MAKE A DECISION NOT TO DO
12 THAT?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** IT'S, I THINK, AN ARTIFACT OF HISTORY. BUT WE NOW
15 HAVE CLEAR DIRECTION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TURN
18 AROUND AND NOT DO IT. WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO IT? I MEAN WE HAVE
19 TO TELL YOU TO DO IT WHEN IN FACT YOU HAVE ALL THIS ARSENAL OF
20 TOOLS, YET YOU'VE BEEN SITTING AROUND NOT DOING IT?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WE'VE BEEN RELYING ON OTHER MECHANISMS.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHAT?

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1 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE BEEN RELYING ON OTHER MECHANISMS.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHAT OTHER MECHANISMS ARE THERE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF AND THE CITY
6 ATTORNEY TO SHUT THESE --

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HOW LONG DOES THAT MECHANISM TAKE? I'M
9 GOING TO SAY THERE'S TWO BAD ACTORS. THERE'S THE LOUSY
10 MARIJUANA SUPPLIERS THAT ARE ILLEGALLY SETTING THEM UP OR
11 MAKING ALL OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA LOOK BAD, AND NUMBER ONE.
12 AND YOU ALL. BECAUSE IF YOU WOULD ENFORCE THE RULES, THESE
13 FOLKS, \$1,000 A DAY, THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE OUT THERE
14 OPERATING ILLEGALLY. SO I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT UNDER
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION, THAT WE'RE GOING GET TO GOAL
16 HERE. ON THE VERY FIRST DAY THAT YOU FIND THEM ILLEGALLY, CAN
17 YOU CHARGE THEM 1,000 BUCKS A DAY?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE SO. BUT I'LL MAKE SURE.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL WAIT A MINUTE. LET'S NOT BELIEVE IT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE LAWYERS ARE SAYING YES BUT THE
2 ENFORCERS ARE SAYING I DON'T KNOW.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** NO, IF COUNTY COUNSEL IS CLEAR THAT WE CAN, WE WILL.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL WHO TOLD YOU NOT TO BEFORE?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** IT WAS AGAIN, A HISTORICAL ARTIFACT. WE WORKED UNDER
9 OTHER MECHANISMS, BUT WE WILL GO THIS ROUTE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHAT I SUGGEST IS WHY DON'T YOU USE
12 EVERYTHING YOU GOT TO KICK THEM THE HELL OUT OF THE
13 UNINCORPORATED AREAS? THAT'S WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE. LET
14 THE LEGAL ONES OPERATE. I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE BAN RIGHT NOW
15 BECAUSE YOU GUYS AREN'T ASSISTING US IN GETTING RID OF THE
16 ILLEGAL OPERATORS. ALL OF THE RESIDENTS ARE COMPLAINING. AND
17 IN MY AREA, IT'S REALLY BAD.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THEY'RE PREPARED TO APPLY THE
24 DIRECTIVE OF THIS MOTION.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW. AND I'M GOING TO GO BACK AND NEXT
2 WEEK --

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4 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, WE WILL, THE ANSWER IS ABSOLUTELY YES.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE SHOULD APPROVE THIS MOTION AND
7 SET THAT OBJECTIVE WITH THESE TOOLS. I THINK IT WILL EXPEDITE
8 THE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS AND IT CARRIES WITH IT A LOT MORE
9 WEIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY ARE YOU GIVING THEM SO MUCH TIME? 60
12 DAYS TO GO LOOK FOR ALL THE INCORPORATED, ALL OF THE ILLEGAL
13 ONES? I THINK THAT'S A PRETTY LIST TO GET.

14

15 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I THINK IT'S A VERY SHORT LIST, TOO, NOW,
16 BECAUSE OF THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET'S GIVE THEM 10 DAYS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS A REASONABLE? I DON'T WANT TO SET A
21 GOAL THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MEET.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL START WORKING ON IT TOMORROW.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BUT HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU NEED TO GO
2 THROUGH THE WHOLE INVENTORY OF ILLEGAL ACTORS OUT THERE?

3

4 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I THINK A WEEK TO TWO WEEKS. IT IS A SHORT LIST.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** A COUPLE OF DAYS DRIVE, YOU WOULD FIND
7 THEM ALL.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T WE GIVE YOU UNTIL DECEMBER 14TH,
10 THREE WEEKS TO COME BACK WITH A REPORT TO US. BUT IN THE
11 MEANTIME, YOU START IMMEDIATELY.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE'LL START IMMEDIATELY, YES SIR.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SO I WOULD MODIFY MY MOTION IN
16 THAT WAY.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BUT INITIALLY, YOU'RE DOING IT
19 SEPARATE AND APART. SO THE FIRST PORTION OF THIS IS TO APPROVE
20 THE BAN. RIGHT?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
25 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, I OBJECT. I OBJECT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON
5 THAT. ON THE SECOND PORTION OF IT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM FOR THE ILLEGAL
10 MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
11 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE IS NO
12 OBJECTION? SO ORDERED AS AMENDED. ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS ITEM NO.
13 12. WE'VE ALREADY DONE ITEM NO. 17. ITEM 20?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'VE COMPLETED ALL OF THE PUBLIC
16 HEARINGS. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH ITEM S-1, WHICH WAS
17 SCHEDULED TO BE AT ELEVEN, I APOLOGIZE. I WANTED TO GET
18 THROUGH THESE OTHER ITEMS. SO ON S-1? DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A
19 REPORT ON THIS, SUPERVISOR? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR, AND TO
22 MY COLLEAGUES. THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THE ITEM THAT WAS
23 BROUGHT FORTH ON OCTOBER 19, AT WHICH TIME THE BOARD APPROVED
24 A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION CAREERS POLICY AND
25 MOVED THE BALANCE OF IT, SPECIFICALLY THE PROJECT LABOR



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1 AGREEMENT, PIECES OF THAT OVERALL EFFORT TO THE STAFF, NAMELY
2 THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF AS WELL AS THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY
3 COUNSEL TO CONTINUE THE REFINEMENT OF WHAT'S IN THE POLICY.
4 FOR THE RECORD, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT PART OF
5 THE RATIONALE FOR THE CONTINUANCE WAS THE STATED LACK OF
6 INFORMATION AT THE TIME. BUT I THINK IT SHOULD BE KNOWN BY THE
7 OCTOBER 19 BOARD HEARING THERE HAD BEEN A SERIES OF DOCUMENTS
8 COMMUNICATED TO THE RANGE OF INDIVIDUALS, THAT IS THE BOARD,
9 THE STAFF AND THE LIKE CHRONICLED FROM THE FIRST OF OCTOBER,
10 THEN THE EIGHTH OF OCTOBER, THE THIRTEENTH OF OCTOBER, THE
11 FIFTEENTH OF OCTOBER, THE NINETEENTH OF OCTOBER. SO WE HAVE
12 SOUGHT TO MAKE SURE AS MUCH INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE THROUGH
13 BOARD LETTERS, BRIEFING OF DEPUTIES AND THE LIKE. THAT HAS
14 CONTINUED WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTERS ON NOVEMBER 8 SUBSEQUENT
15 TO OUR LAST HEARING AND NOVEMBER 9 WHERE THE DOCUMENT
16 FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE BOARD ON THE 19TH WAS MADE
17 CLEAR BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. I THINK
18 WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY BEFORE US NOW IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE
19 FORWARD WITH COMPLETING THE BALANCE OF THE WORK THAT WAS
20 STARTED WHEN WE LAST HEARD THE ISSUE. THAT IS TO SAY, TO PUT
21 IN PLACE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT, TO
22 BOLSTER THAT WHICH IS BEING PUT FORWARD WITH RESPECT TO THE
23 LOCAL HIRING COMPONENT TO FINALLY MAKE SURE THAT THE SMALL
24 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM IS ALSO BOLSTERED BY THIS FINAL
25 STEP OF THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. SO WE SEEK TO CLARIFY ANY



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1 QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT NEED TO BE RAISED. THE NOVEMBER 9 BOARD
2 LETTER, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, DO THAT QUITE EFFECTIVELY,
3 BUT THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED SINCE THAT
4 TIME THAT I THINK ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS FIRST ON, THE
5 MIXED RESULTS OF P.L.A.S BEING JUST ONE EXAMPLE. BUT I WANT TO
6 CALL TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT
7 EMPIRICAL DATA BY REPUTABLE, AND THAT IS NEUTRAL PARTIES
8 RANGING FROM CORNELL UNIVERSITY, HARVARD, U.C.L.A., MICHIGAN,
9 UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, A WHOLE RANGE OF ENTITIES, UTAH,
10 RHODE ISLAND, THAT TALK ABOUT THE EFFICACY OF PROJECT LABOR
11 AGREEMENTS. AND SO THERE'S A BODY OF LITERATURE ON WHICH WE
12 CAN CALL OR TO WHICH WE CAN POINT THAT MAKES THAT CLEAR.
13 LOCALLY, IF YOU LOOK AT THE EXPERIENCE, AT ENTITIES SUCH AS
14 THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY
15 COLLEGE DISTRICT, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ITSELF, THE PORT OF
16 LONG BEACH, THE CITY OF L.A.'S REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, LOS
17 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND, FINALLY THE COMMUNITY
18 COLLEGE DISTRICTS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THERE IS AMPLE DATA TO
19 SUPPORT HOW EFFECTIVE THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS CAN BE TO
20 ACCOMPLISH ON TIME AND ON BUDGET PROJECT DELIVERY. IT IS
21 IMPORTANT TO MAKE THE POINT THAT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF
22 THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY HAS SUPPORTED WHAT
23 WE ARE PUTTING FORWARD TODAY. A COUPLE OF ITEMS HAVE BEEN
24 RAISED ABOUT THE STATUS OF EMPLOYEE, NONUNION EMPLOYEES AS
25 WELL AS NONUNION CONTRACTORS. THE WHOLE NOTION THAT'S BEING



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1 RAISED HERE, AND STAFF WILL ADDRESS THIS MORE SPECIFICALLY,
2 RELATES SPECIFICALLY TO ADVANCING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
3 PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT AND TO ESSENTIALLY REQUIRE THAT TO
4 COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. AND SO THE MOTION
5 THAT I WANT TO PUT FORWARD TODAY, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES,
6 DOES PRECISELY THAT. AND I'LL JUST MOVE TO THE INSTRUCTIONS
7 THAT I WOULD HOPE THAT COULD BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD; THAT IS,
8 "TO AUTHORIZE THE C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DIRECTOR OF
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO NEGOTIATE WITH
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS BUILDING TRADES THE TERMS OF A
11 PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT FOR THE M.L.K.-M.A.C.C. PROJECT. THE
12 FIRST POINT TO BE IS THE AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE
13 APPROPRIATE PROTECTIONS FOR THE COUNTY FOR WORK STOPPAGES,
14 LABOR UNAVAILABILITY AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT COULD HINDER
15 THE DELIVERY, SCHEDULE AND PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT.
16 SUCH AN AGREEMENT SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OBLIGATION TO CREATE
17 QUOTE/UNQUOTE "ALL UNION JOBS" BUT RATHER SHALL PROTECT THE
18 INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY INSURING HIGH
19 QUALITY, CAREER-BUILDING EMPLOYMENT FOR TARGETED WORKERS ON
20 THE PROJECT. THE SECOND POINT TO BE MADE IS THAT THE C.E.O.,
21 THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 PUBLIC WORKS SHALL SHALL REPORT BACK AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING
23 AND EVERY TWO WEEKS THEREAFTER ON THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS.
24 THE FIRST REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE EXAMINATION OF THE IMPACT
25 OF THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT ON NONUNION EMPLOYEES AND HOW



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1 JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES CAN BE QUICKLY RESOLVED. FINALLY, THE
2 AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE FINALIZED WITHOUT THE BOARD'S APPROVAL.
3 THE THRUST OF WHAT THE MOTION DOES IS TO ESSENTIALLY PUT THOSE
4 AT WORK TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE THIS COME TO FRUITION HAVING
5 STIPULATED THE CONCERNS AND CALLED OUT SPECIFICALLY THE
6 CONCERNS RAISED BY AT LEAST A COUPLE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HERE
7 FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION." WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE
8 TO MOVE THE ITEM WITH THE HOPE OF THE SECOND AND IF YOU WISH,
9 THEN MOVE TO THE BOARD, THE STAFF'S PRESENTATION AND
10 ULTIMATELY TESTIMONY. I WOULD SO MOVE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** STAFF REPORT OR NOT?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. YES. AND THE STAFF REPORT IS
15 APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

16

17 **DAVID HOWARD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M DAVID HOWARD WITH
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF US THE
19 REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE DATED NOVEMBER 9. ON
20 NOVEMBER 10, WE MET WITH YOUR STAFF TO WALK THEM THROUGH THE
21 DETAILS OF WHAT'S IN THE REPORT. JUST VERY BRIEFLY, I WANTED
22 TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW POINTS THAT WERE MADE IN THE REPORT. AGAIN,
23 THE TWO PRIMARY REASONS THAT ARE CITED FOR PROJECT LABOR
24 AGREEMENTS, YOU HAVE WHAT'S REFERRED TO IN THE REPORT AS A
25 TRADITIONAL VIEW, WHICH IS TO DEAL WITH ISSUES OF STRIKES AND



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1 WORK STOPPAGES. AND THEN WHAT'S REFERRED TO AS THE MORE
2 CONTEMPORARY VIEW IS THAT P.L.A.S ARE HELD UP IN THE INDUSTRY
3 AS A VEHICLE BY WHICH TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE LOCAL
4 WORKER HIRING PROGRAM THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVED FOR THE TWO
5 MARTIN LUTHER KING PROJECTS. WE'VE IDENTIFIED FOR YOU A LIST
6 OF 18 TYPICAL ITEMS THAT ARE ADDRESSED IN P.L.A.S, SOME OF
7 WHICH ARE THOSE TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY VIEWS. BUT IT
8 OUTLINES FOR YOU MANY OF THE MORE SUBTLE ISSUES OF LABOR
9 RELATIONS WHICH P.L.A.S TRY TO DEAL WITH. ONE OF THEM THAT'S
10 VERY IMPORTANT, AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MENTIONED, IS THE
11 ISSUE OF JURISDICTION AND USING THE P.L.A. AS A VEHICLE TO
12 AVOID DISPUTES BETWEEN THE VARIOUS CRAFTS ON THE PROJECT. ALSO
13 IT DEALS WITH THINGS LIKE STANDARDIZATION OF WORK HOURS. AND
14 ANOTHER KEY COMPONENT IS MAKING EXPLICITLY CLEAR WHAT IS THE
15 SCOPE OF THE WORK THAT'S COVERED UNDER THE P.L.A. AND WHAT IS
16 THE SCOPE THAT IS NOT COVERED? SO AGAIN THAT DURING
17 CONSTRUCTION, WE DON'T HAVE DISPUTES OVER JURISDICTION THAT
18 WOULD CREATE DISRUPTIONS TO THE WORK. WHEN WE WERE HERE
19 PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSING YOUR BOARD ON THIS, ONE OF THE ISSUES
20 THAT YOU HAD ASKED US TO LOOK AT WAS THE ISSUE OF COST. AND ON
21 PAGE 6, WE HAVE OUTLINED FOR YOU A BREAKDOWN OF THE COSTS. WE
22 WERE HERE PREVIOUSLY. WE HAD REPORTED THAT WE THOUGHT THE
23 COSTS TO NEGOTIATE AND IMPLEMENT COULD BE AS MUCH AS \$1
24 MILLION. THROUGH A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT MEANS WE HAVE REVISED
25 THAT ESTIMATE DOWNWARD TO A NOT-TO-EXCEED NUMBER OF \$810,000.



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1 AGAIN, PART OF THE COST IN THAT IS BASED ON AN ESTIMATE OF HOW
2 LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO NEGOTIATE THIS. AND DEPENDING IF THAT
3 CAN BE DONE MORE RAPIDLY, THEN THAT WOULD RESULT IN A
4 REDUCTION IN THOSE COSTS. FURTHER ON WE'VE OUTLINED FOR YOU AS
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS POINTED OUT, THERE ARE MANY PUBLISHED
6 REPORTS ON THE ISSUES OF P.L.A.S AND THEIR EFFICACY. WHAT
7 WE'VE CONCLUDED IS THAT THERE ARE VERY SCHOOLED, LEGITIMATE
8 PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS COIN. SO WE HAVE NOT TRIED TO
9 GIVE A DEFINITIVE ANSWER BUT HAVE OUTLINED FOR YOU IN THE
10 REPORT THE PERSPECTIVES OF THOSE WHO FAVOR PROJECT LABOR
11 AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS THOSE WHO DO NOT FAVOR THEM. AGAIN, MOST
12 OF THE ADVOCATES WOULD POINT TO THE ISSUES THAT THE SUPERVISOR
13 HAD ADDRESSED IN TERMS OF A QUALITY WORKFORCE, STABILIZATION,
14 IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, THOSE SORTS
15 OF THINGS. THOSE WHO OPPOSE P.L.A.S WOULD REPORT TO YOUR BOARD
16 THAT IT COULD BE AN IMPACT TO COST AND IT COULD BE
17 NONCOMPETITIVE. AND AGAIN I EXPECT YOU'LL PROBABLY HEAR
18 TESTIMONY ON BOTH SIDES OF THAT THIS MORNING. AND, FINALLY,
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAD ASKED US SPECIFICALLY TO SPEAK WITH
20 THE EXPOSITION LIGHT RAIL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY ABOUT WHAT
21 THEIR EXPERIENCE IS WITH P.L.A.S. WE'VE IDENTIFIED THAT FOR
22 YOU. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS COME UP IN THAT THAT IS NOT A
23 PROBLEM FOR US BUT IS JUST A POINT THAT IF WE DECIDE, IF YOUR
24 BOARD DECIDES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE P.L.A., WE NEED TO MAKE
25 SURE THAT THE TERMS OF THE P.L.A. DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THE



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1 TERMS OF THE SMALL BUSINESS OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT YOUR BOARD
2 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. WE THINK THAT THAT CAN BE NEGOTIATED. BUT
3 IT WAS JUST RAISED AS AN ISSUE THAT WE WOULD WANT TO BE
4 SENSITIVE IN MAKING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR BOARD. SO THAT
5 IS THE REPORT THAT WE HAVE FOR YOU THIS MORNING AND WE ARE
6 AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT?
9 IF NOT, WE HAVE ABOUT 25 SPEAKERS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST ONE QUESTION FROM THE TOP, MADAM
12 CHAIR, IF I MAY.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH RESPECT TO THE WORKFORCE COMPOSITION
17 ISSUES, THERE IS A CONCERN THAT HAS BEEN RAISED BY BOARD
18 MEMBERS ABOUT THE QUESTION OF UNION VERSUS NONUNION WORKERS
19 WHO WOULD POTENTIALLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN
20 THIS PROJECT. CAN YOU GIVE A SENSE OF YOUR METHODOLOGY OF THE
21 COMPOSITION THAT YOU ANTICIPATE WORKING ON THIS PROJECT AND
22 THE DISTRIBUTION OF UNION VERSUS NONUNION, PROPORTIONATELY AND
23 IN ACTUAL RAW NUMBERS?

24



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1 **DAVID HOWARD:** SURE. YES, SUPERVISOR. AGAIN, BECAUSE WE HAVE
2 NOT SELECTED THE DESIGN BUILDER, WE CAN'T SAY TO THE BOARD
3 TODAY EXACTLY WHAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE WORKFORCE WOULD BE.
4 BUT IN AN ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, ON OUR TWO MOST
5 RECENT LARGE-SCALE HEALTH PROJECTS, L.A. COUNTY-U.S.C. AND THE
6 HARBOR U.C.L.A. SURGERY PROJECT WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER
7 CONSTRUCTION, IN BOTH OF THOSE PROJECTS WHICH ARE SIMILAR OR
8 GREATER IN SCALE THAN THIS, THE WORKFORCE WAS MORE THAN 90
9 PERCENT UNION.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT WOULD BE THE ACTUAL NUMBERS THEN BE
12 IF YOU WERE TO DO THE MATH ON THIS PROJECT THAT WE'RE TALKING
13 ABOUT IN TERMS OF QUOTE/UNQUOTE NONUNION EMPLOYEES? HAVE YOU
14 FIGURED THAT OUT?

15

16 **DAVID HOWARD:** WE ESTIMATE AT THE PEAK OF CONSTRUCTION, THERE
17 MAY BE ROUGHLY 300 WORKERS ON SITE AT A TIME. SO IF 90 PERCENT
18 OF THOSE WERE WERE UNION, THERE WOULD BE ABOUT 30 NONUNION OUT
19 OF THE TOTAL 300 ROUGHLY.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT SATISFIES MY INITIAL
22 QUESTION. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. DID YOU WANT TO LIMIT
25 THESE OR SHOULD WE GO WITH THREE MINUTES? ONE MINUTE? ALL



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1 RIGHT. RICHARD SLAUSON FOLLOWED BY MARIALENA DURAZO, AND THEN
2 ERNEST ROBERTS. WOULD YOU PLEASE JOIN US?

3

4 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRWOMAN MOLINA, SUPERVISORS.
5 I'M RICHARD SLAUSON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE LOS ANGELES
6 AND ORANGE COUNTY'S BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL.
7 I'M SORRY I HAVE SUCH A SHORT TIME. BUT I JUST WANTED TO LET
8 YOU KNOW THAT I WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.
9 AND I KNOW THERE ARE LOTS OF QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE
10 AGREEMENTS, EVEN UP TO THIS VOTE THAT'S HAPPENING TODAY. AND I
11 APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. I WISH I HAD HAD MORE TIME TO MEET WITH
12 YOU INDIVIDUALLY TO ANSWER YOUR INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
13 OPERATION OF PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS. BUT I JUST WANTED TO
14 VERY QUICKLY ON A COUPLE OF ISSUES. ONE, THE ISSUE OF NONUNION
15 WORKERS AS WELL AS UNION WORKERS PAYING UNION DUES. WHY DO
16 THEY PAY UNION DUES? THEY, AS IN ANY UNION, RECEIVE THE
17 ADMINISTRATION AND COVERAGE AND PROTECTION OF THE CRAFT LOCAL
18 UNION BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES MONITORING THE CONTRACTORS,
19 MAKING SURE THE CONTRACTORS ARE NOT CHEATING WORKERS TO BE LOW
20 BIDDERS ON THESE PROJECTS. THERE IS A HISTORY OF THAT IN
21 CALIFORNIA. AND, IN FACT, THERE IS A CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION
22 HERE TODAY WHO REPRESENTS LESS THAN FOUR-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT
23 OF THE CONTRACTORS IN CALIFORNIA, BUT SHOWS UP AS 24 PERCENT
24 OF THE VIOLATORS ON THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL
25 RELATIONS WAGE AND HOUR VIOLATORS LIST. AND THAT IS THE A.B.C.



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1 AND THEY WILL BE HERE SHORTLY TO TESTIFY AGAINST PROJECT LABOR
2 AGREEMENTS. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT IS A CONFLICT OF
3 INTEREST TO HAVE AN ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS CONTRACTORS
4 CHEATING WORKERS TO BE LOW BIDDERS TO COME BEFORE THIS BODY. I
5 WOULD LOVE TO GO ON WITH OTHER ISSUES ABOUT BENEFITS TO
6 EXPLAIN TO YOU WHY BENEFIT PROGRAMS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO
7 WORKERS, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE KNOW COUNTIES ARE PROVIDING
8 BENEFITS TO WORKERS WHO DO NOT HAVE BENEFIT PLANS. THESE
9 AGREEMENTS REQUIRE EVERY CRAFT WORKER, WHICH IS UNUSUAL IN THE
10 NONUNION INDUSTRY, TO HAVE A BENEFIT PROGRAM, WHETHER IT'S
11 MEDICAL, RETIREMENT, TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP, ALL OF THOSE
12 THAT THESE AGREEMENTS BRING TOGETHER FOR NONUNION WORKERS AS
13 WELL AS UNION WORKERS THAT WORK ON THESE JOBS. AND IN CLOSING,
14 THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKERS TO COME TO WORK
15 ON THE PROJECTS THAT THEY ARE SUPPORTING WITH THEIR TAX MONEY.
16 SO I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO CONTINUE BUT I KNOW MY TIME IS
17 EXPIRED.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. MARIALENA. MR. SLAUSON, WOULD YOU
20 STAY? I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU A QUESTION AFTERWARDS.

21

22 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** GOOD MORNING. I JUST CAME FROM A HALL WHERE
23 WE WERE GIVING OUT THOUSANDS OF BAGS OF FOOD FOR UNEMPLOYED
24 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. AND THEY DESPERATELY NEED TO GET BACK TO
25 WORK TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES. BUT THEY NEED TO GET BACK TO



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1 WORK WHERE THERE ARE REAL, QUALITY, MIDDLE CLASS STANDARD OF
2 LIVING, NOT LOW-WAGE, DEAD-END JOBS THAT DON'T PROVIDE AN
3 OPPORTUNITY FOR A MIDDLE CLASS CAREER. AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE
4 TO SPEAK ON BEHALF.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME THERE IS NO APPLAUSE.

7

8 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THOSE WORKERS. OUR
9 COMMUNITIES NEED JOBS, BUT THEY NEED GOOD JOBS. IT IS WRONG
10 FOR OUR COMMUNITIES TO HAVE ACCESS AND SAY WE'RE GOING TO GET
11 LOCAL HIRE AND YOU'RE GOING TO GET ACCESS TO THESE JOBS, BUT
12 THEY'RE GOING TO BE, YOU KNOW, LOW WAGE, NO BENEFIT?
13 ESPECIALLY WHEN OUR TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING USED. SO I REALLY
14 URGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD. YOU'VE APPROVED A LOCAL HIRE. BUT
15 THE LOCAL HIRE MEN AND WOMEN WHO GET ON THE JOB THROUGH THAT
16 NEED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A GOOD JOB AND AN APPRENTICESHIP
17 PROGRAM. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE VISITED THESE
18 APPRENTICESHIP CENTERS, BUT THEY'RE EXTRAORDINARY. THEY
19 GUARANTEE YOU'LL GET FROM, YOU KNOW, FIRS YEAR TO THREE, FOUR
20 OR FIVE YEARS. IT'S FREE FOR THEM BECAUSE THE EMPLOYERS PAY
21 FOR IT. AND THEY END UP AS ELECTRICIANS AND IRONWORKERS.
22 THAT'S WHAT WE WANT. NOT A SIX-MONTH GIG HERE OR THERE OR
23 WHENEVER WITH NO TRAINING. SO I REALLY URGE YOU. WE DID THIS
24 IN L.A. CITY COUNCIL. IT WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON L.A. CITY
25 COUNCIL TO APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CAREERS POLICY THAT PROVIDES



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1 FOR THIS. IT WAS VETTED. THE L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2 SUPPORTED IT ACTIVELY. THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION SUPPORTED
3 IT ACTIVELY. IT WAS UNANIMOUS BECAUSE NONUNION COMPANIES GET
4 TO BID ON AND WORK ON THESE JOBS. NONUNION COMPANIES BENEFIT
5 AS MUCH AS UNIONIZED COMPANIES. OUR COMMUNITIES BENEFIT. SO
6 THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I KNOW THIS IS WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN.
7 SO WE REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO CONNECT QUALITY JOBS WITH
8 LOCAL HIRE JOBS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR?

11

12 **ERNEST:** ERNEST ROBERTS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF P.V. JOBS. SOME
13 OF YOU KNOW US. MOST OF YOU PROBABLY DO KNOW US. WE'RE A
14 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WORKING IN CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE
15 DEVELOPMENT AND HAVE BEEN DOING SO FOR OVER A DECADE NOW. AND
16 I'VE WORKED WITH A LOT OF MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE
17 AREA FROM PLAYA VISTA TO L.A.C.C.D., SOME CENTURY CITY
18 PROJECTS, CITY OF L.A. PUBLIC WORKS. JUST A LOT OF PROJECTS, A
19 LOT OF THE C.R.A. PROJECTS, I THINK WE HAVE 24 OF THOSE UNDER
20 OUR BELT. WE ARE NOT FROM LABOR. WE ARE NOT PAID BY LABOR. ALL
21 WE DO IS IMPLEMENT LOCAL HIRE PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMUNITY. AND
22 TO THAT EFFECT, I CAN TELL YOU THAT I'VE SEEN THE ZIP CODES
23 THAT THE LOCAL HIRE POLICY CALLS FOR, THEY ENCOMPASS ALL THE
24 DISTRICTS ACROSS THE COUNTY. IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THESE
25 PROGRAMS, IT HAS BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE, AND WE'VE WORKED WITH



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1 NON-P.L.A. PROJECTS AND P.L.A. PROJECTS. THE ONLY WAY TO
2 EFFECTIVELY CREATE THIS AND MAKE THESE LOCAL PROGRAMS MOVE
3 FORWARD IS WITH A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. THERE'S JUST NO
4 OTHER WAY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. LET ME ASK THE
7 QUESTION, MR. SLAUSON AND MARIALENA ON THIS ISSUE. I HAVE
8 PROBLEM WITH NONUNION PEOPLE PAYING UNION DUES WHEN THEY GET
9 NO BENEFIT WHATSOEVER. NO DIRECT BENEFIT. I MEAN YOU CAN SAY
10 INDIRECTLY THEY GET A BENEFIT BECAUSE THERE'S ADDITIONAL
11 PROTECTIONS THAT UNIONS HAVE BEEN ADVOCATES FOR DECADES. BUT
12 THAT, AGAIN, WOULD YOU ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT -- I HAVE NO
13 PROBLEM WITH APPRENTICES PAYING UNION DUES BECAUSE THEY'RE ON
14 A TRACK TO GET GOOD-PAYING LABOR JOBS. BUT WOULD YOU ACCEPT AN
15 AMENDMENT THAT WOULD SAY THAT NONUNION WORKERS WOULD NOT HAVE
16 TO PAY DUES UNLESS THEY CHOSE TO?

17

18 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** I CAN'T SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CRAFT
19 UNIONS. THAT IS A NEGOTIATED ITEM AND I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY
20 TO CONSIDER THAT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO NEGOTIATE IT IF
23 IT'S GOING TO BE NEGOTIATED AS TO EITHER THEY PAY OR THEY
24 DON'T PAY. I WISH THEY WOULDN'T PAY BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT
25 BENEFITING FROM IT. WOULD YOU ACCEPT THAT?



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2 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** WELL I DON'T ACCEPT THAT THEY'RE NOT
3 BENEFITING FROM IT. BECAUSE THEY ARE. BECAUSE PREVAILING WAGE,
4 THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE UNDER THIS CONTRACT --

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW, BUT PREVAILING WAGE EXISTS.

7

8 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** IT DOES NOT. WITHOUT UNIONS SUPPORTING
9 PREVAILING WAGE, PREVAILING WAGE WOULD NOT EXIST IN
10 CALIFORNIA.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND I SAID THAT
13 TO YOU EARLIER, THAT I THINK THERE ARE LONG-TERM, THERE ARE
14 BENEFITS THAT THE UNIONS HAVE BEEN VERY AGGRESSIVE. BUT I JUST
15 DON'T WANT TO TAKE MONEY OUT OF PEOPLE'S POCKETS RIGHT NOW
16 UNLESS THEY AGREE TO IT. IF THEY FEEL THERE'S A BENEFIT FOR
17 THEM.

18

19 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** THIS IS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE COUNTY
20 EMPLOYEES. THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT WE REPRESENT, THE CRAFT,
21 1500 CRAFT UNION EMPLOYEES HERE AT THE COUNTY, THE COOK COUNTY
22 CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES, SOME ARE AGENCY FEE PAYERS, SOME ARE
23 UNION MEMBERS. THESE AGREEMENTS ONLY REQUIRE THE SAME. THOSE
24 WORKERS DO NOT PAY INITIATION FEES, THEY DON'T HAVE TO BECOME
25 A UNION MEMBER. THEY ONLY PAY THE ADMINISTRATION COSTS OF THE



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1 AGREEMENT WHILE THEY'RE WORKING ON THE JOB. IT DOES NOT AFFECT
2 THEIR WORK IF THEY GO OFF THE JOB LATER. SO WE'VE LOOKED AT
3 THIS THE SAME AS PUBLIC AGENCIES THAT ALLOW FOR AGENCY FEES
4 FOR THEIR WORKERS, WHICH ARE COUNTY WORKERS, AS WELL.

5

6 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** THE RIGHT TO WORK STATES DON'T REQUIRE
7 WORKERS WHO BENEFIT IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY FROM PAYING UNION
8 DUES. AND THIS STATE HAS ALWAYS UPHELD THAT. THAT IF YOU
9 BENEFIT, AND YOU DO FROM THE WAGE STANDARD, FROM THE BENEFIT
10 STANDARD, THEN YOU SHOULD PAY YOUR FAIR SHARE. SO I THINK IT'S
11 VERY FAIR. THEY'RE GETTING SOMETHING IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR
12 DUES. AND WHEN THEY LEAVE THAT JOB AND IF THEY PREFER TO NOT
13 TO PAY AND GO TO A NONUNION JOB, THEY HAVE THE OPTION OF DOING
14 THAT AS WELL.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. BECAUSE THEY DON'T GET TO BECOME UNION
17 MEMBERS. AFTER THEY LEAVE THE JOB, THEY DON'T GET TO BE UNION
18 MEMBERS, MARIALENA.

19

20 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** IF THEY CONTINUE TO WORK ON A UNION JOB.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT. BUT SEE, THEY WORK FOR A
23 CONTRACTOR WHO HAS NOT BEEN ORGANIZED YET BY THE UNION. SO IF
24 JOE LOPEZ WORKS ON IT AND HE'S BEING PAID, HE'S PAYING HIS
25 DUES, ALL RIGHT. AND THEN HE -- THE COMPANY GOES TO ANOTHER



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1 PLACE. HE CAN'T CONTINUE, EVEN THOUGH HE PAYS THE DUES, HE
2 CAN'T BELONG TO THE UNION.

3

4 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** HE CAN ABSOLUTELY FILL OUT AN APPLICATION AND
5 BECOME A UNION MEMBER OF HIS OWN VOLITION.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT HE DOESN'T GET TO BELONG
8 TO THE UNION SO HE WON'T BENEFIT FROM IT.

9

10 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** HE ABSOLUTELY CAN BECOME A UNION MEMBER UNDER
11 THESE AGREEMENTS.

12

13 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** SURE, HE CAN. BECAUSE THE NEXT JOB WILL
14 PROVIDE THAT. IF YOU'RE WORKING FOR THE COUNTY AND YOU'RE
15 UNIONIZED IN THIS COUNTY BUT THEN YOU DECIDE TO GO TO ANOTHER
16 JURISDICTION THAT'S NOT UNIONIZED, YOU DON'T PAY UNION DUES
17 THERE BECAUSE YOU DECIDE TO GO THERE. IT'S THE SAME THING. WE
18 JUST FEEL IT'S FAIR. IT'S DOING YOUR FAIR SHARE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND.

21

22 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** THIS IS NOT A RIGHT TO WORK STATE WHERE YOU
23 PICK AND CHOOSE.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT I JUST HAVE A REAL
2 PROBLEM HAVING PEOPLE PAY UNION DUES WHILE THEY'RE WORKING ON
3 THIS JOB AND GETTING NO BENEFIT FROM IT WHATSOEVER.

4

5 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** WELL THE WAY WE PREFER TO LOOK AT IT IS
6 THEY'RE GETTING MUCH HIGHER WAGES AND BENEFITS WHILE THEY'RE
7 WORKING ON THE JOB THAN THEY ARE FOR A NONUNION CONTRACTOR
8 THAT DOESN'T HAVE IT.

9

10 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** CAN I CLARIFY SOMETHING? I WANT TO MAKE SURE
11 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT UNION DUES, WHICH IS A VERY SMALL AMOUNT
12 EACH MONTH, VERSUS THE BENEFIT PAYMENTS THAT GO FROM THE
13 CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE FOR PENSION, RETIREMENT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND I OPPOSE THAT AS
16 WELL BECAUSE HIS WORKERS ARE THOSE THAT WILL NOT BENEFIT
17 DIRECTLY FROM IT.

18

19 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** THAT HAS ABSOLUTELY NOT WHAT WE'VE
20 EXPERIENCED. EVERY AGREEMENT, WE HAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS
21 COVERED BY THESE AGREEMENTS. CONTRACTOR AFTER CONTRACTOR,
22 NONUNION CONTRACTORS THAT HAVE MADE UP MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF
23 THE CONTRACTORS BIDDING ON PROJECTS WITH PROJECT LABOR
24 AGREEMENTS HAVE GONE FROM JOB TO JOB TO JOB. SOME OF THEM HAVE



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1 SIGNED MASTER LABOR AGREEMENTS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BUILT
2 RELATIONSHIPS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHICH SHOULD BE THE IDEAL.

5

6 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** RIGHT.

7

8 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO.

9

10 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** AS AN EXAMPLE THE I.V.W. THIS YEAR SIGNED 37
11 CONTRACTORS TO THEIR MASTER LABOR AGREEMENT AND ALL OF THEIR
12 EMPLOYEES BECAME UNION EMPLOYEES BECAUSE THEY BUILT A
13 RELATIONSHIP UNDER THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. AND IT IS
14 ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE EVEN IF THEY DIDN'T, THAT THE EMPLOYEES
15 WOULD NOT BENEFIT. AN EMPLOYEE, FOR MEDICAL, BECOMES ELIGIBLE
16 JUST LIKE A UNION EMPLOYEE WOULD, AFTER APPROXIMATELY TWO
17 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT. THEN ONCE HE BECOMES ELIGIBLE FOR
18 MEDICAL, HE WOULD HAVE THREE TO SIX MONTHS OF ELIGIBILITY
19 BEYOND THE TIME THAT HE STOPPED WORK ON THAT PARTICULAR
20 PROJECT. THAT IS HOW IT WORKS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.
21 ONCE YOU'RE TERMINATED, YOUR BENEFITS DON'T STOP, BECAUSE IT'S
22 NOT CONNECTED TO UNION MEMBERSHIP, IT'S CONNECTED TO THE
23 AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S BEEN PAID IN BY AN EMPLOYER TO YOUR
24 PLAN. AND IT'S UNTHINKABLE THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
25 THAT HAS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL BENEFITS TO ALL OF THOSE WORKERS



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1 OUT THERE THAT ARE NOT COVERED BY A MEDICAL PLAN BY THESE SO-
2 CALLED GREAT EMPLOYERS, THAT THE VAST MAJORITY DO NOT PROVIDE
3 MEDICAL BENEFITS TO THEIR EMPLOYEES. AND NOW WE HAVE AN
4 OPPORTUNITY TO REQUIRE AN EMPLOYER, NONUNION OR UNION, TO
5 PROVIDE MEDICAL BENEFITS TO THEIR EMPLOYEES. AND WHAT ARE WE
6 SAYING? DON'T PROVIDE IT TO THOSE EMPLOYEES AND THEN HAVE THE
7 COUNTY HAVE TO PAY FOR IT?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SLAUSON, YOU'RE TURNING A LOT OF WORDS
10 AROUND. (AUDIENCE GROANING).

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME I DON'T MEAN TO BE
13 DISRESPECTFUL. BUT AGAIN, NONUNION EMPLOYEES ARE NOT GOING TO
14 GET UNION BENEFITS. THEY WILL GET THE BENEFITS OF THEIR
15 CONTRACTORS. BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET UNION BENEFITS.

16

17 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** IF I HAD TIME TO SHOW YOU THOSE THAT HAVE
18 BECOME ELIGIBLE, I WOULD TAKE THE TIME.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. BECOMING
21 ELIGIBLE IS A DIFFERENT ISSUE. BUT WHILE YOU'RE PAYING THESE
22 FEES OR THESE UNION DUES, YOU CANNOT COLLECT OR HAVE HEALTH
23 INSURANCE BY THE UNION.

24



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1 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** THAT HAS NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER TO
2 MEMBERSHIP. ABSOLUTELY NOT. IT'S THE SAME WITH THE COUNTY.
3 YOUR AGENCY FEE PAYERS WITH THE COUNTY RECEIVE THE SAME
4 BENEFIT PLANS.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT, BECAUSE IT IS AN AGENCY
7 FEE. IN THIS INSTANCE WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS BECAUSE YOU MADE AN
8 EFFORT TO ORGANIZE AND YOU ORGANIZED A MAJORITY OF THOSE
9 EMPLOYEES, WE ALLOW YOU TO IMPOSE AN AGENCY FEE. THERE IS NO
10 DOUBT. I AGREE. BUT IN THIS INSTANCE, WHEN YOU HAVE A JOB,
11 AGAIN AN ELECTRICIAN IS NOT GOING TO WORK ON IT COMPLETELY
12 MAYBE FOR THE ENTIRE 24 MONTHS OF IT. AND SO DEPENDING ON
13 WHILE HE'S WORKING HE WILL PAY THESE FEES BUT HE'S NOT GOING
14 TO BE ABLE TO GET THOSE BENEFITS.

15

16 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** HE ABSOLUTELY IS. IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO USE
17 UNION MEMBERSHIP AS A TRIGGER FOR BENEFIT COVERAGE. IT
18 ABSOLUTELY IS A VIOLATION OF ERISA AND THE NATIONAL LABOR
19 RELATIONS ACT. UNION MEMBERSHIP HAS NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH
20 ELIGIBILITY FOR A PENSION, MEDICAL OR EVEN TRAINING BENEFITS.
21 I DON'T KNOW WHO WOULD HAVE PROVIDED YOU THAT FALSE
22 INFORMATION. I HOPE IT'S NOT --

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME SIR, DON'T SAY THAT. THAT'S NOT
2 TRUE. YOU'RE SAYING THAT A NONUNION PERSON CAN COLLECT HEALTH
3 BENEFITS AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS FROM YOUR UNION.

4

5 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY.

6

7 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** BECAUSE THE EMPLOYER, HIS CONTRIBUTIONS ARE
8 THE ONES THAT ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY. IT'S NOT THE UNION
9 MEMBERSHIP. IT'S THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION. SO A NONUNION
10 CONTRACTOR, BY VIRTUE OF A P.L.A., PAYS INTO THESE BENEFITS.
11 THAT IS WHAT ESTABLISHES THE ABILITY AND THE LEGAL RIGHT TO
12 BENEFIT FROM THE HEALTH PLAN AND THE RETIREMENT PLAN. IT IS
13 NOT UNION MEMBERSHIP, UNION DUES THAT ESTABLISHES THAT
14 ELIGIBILITY. IT'S THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HOW DOES THE INDIVIDUAL COLLECT HIS HEALTH
17 BENEFITS OR PENSION?

18

19 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** HE APPLIES JUST LIKE ANY UNION MEMBER WOULD.
20 HE RECEIVES NOTICE FROM THE BENEFIT PLANS THAT HE'S BECOME
21 ELIGIBLE. AND THEN HE APPLIES FOR IT. HE SUBMITS HIS MEDICAL
22 BILLS TO THE PLAN JUST AS A UNION MEMBER WOULD. IT HAS NOTHING
23 AT ALL TO DO WITH UNION MEMBERSHIP.

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1 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** THAT'S REQUIRED BY LAW. THAT'S REQUIRED. YOU
2 CANNOT --

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO THESE CONTRACTORS ARE GOING TO PAY INTO
5 A UNION TRUST FUND.

6

7 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** IT'S A LABOR MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET'S SAY THERE'S 200 EMPLOYEES THERE.

10

11 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND SO HE PAYS PROPORTIONATELY, RIGHT? FOR
14 THOSE 200 EMPLOYEES?

15

16 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** HE PAYS THE SAME AMOUNT INTO THE BENEFIT
17 PLANS FOR EVERY EMPLOYEE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THEN AFTERWARDS THESE FOLKS
20 ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A PENSION IF THEY QUALIFY AND HEALTH
21 BENEFITS?

22

23 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** YES. ABSOLUTELY.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL I DIDN'T KNOW THAT TO BE TRUE.
2 IS THAT TRUE, MR. FUJIOKA?

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN SPEAK TO THE HEALTH BENEFITS PORTION. I
5 DON'T HAVE REASON TO QUESTION WHAT HE'S SAYING. BUT I'D LIKE
6 TO VERIFY IT. BUT WITH RESPECT TO THE BENEFITS, I'M CONFIDENT
7 THAT'S TRUE. HEALTH BENEFITS. I JUST DON'T HAVE THE PERSONAL
8 KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE RETIREMENT. BUT I'M NOT QUESTIONING IT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE BENEFITS WOULD COME FROM THE UNION?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WOULD COME THROUGH THE PROJECT LABOR
13 AGREEMENT. IT WOULD COME THROUGH THE STRUCTURE OF THAT
14 BASICALLY FROM THE EMPLOYER. BUT THAT'S PART OF -- AS WE GO
15 FORWARD, I HEARD THE MOTION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I HAVE SUCH A PROBLEM. I MEAN, I'M ALWAYS
18 IN FAVOR OF FORCING EVERY EMPLOYER TO PAY HEALTH BENEFITS. SO
19 IN THIS INSTANCE, I'M TOLD FEDERALLY BY LAW I CANNOT FORCE AN
20 EMPLOYER TO PAY HEALTH BENEFITS. SO IN THIS INSTANCE BY DOING
21 THE P.L.A., I WOULD BE FORCING THAT EMPLOYER TO PAY HEALTH
22 BENEFITS?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WOULD BE THE END RESULT THROUGH A P.L.A.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND THE FEDERAL LAW DOESN'T DISRUPT THAT?

2

3 **MARIALENA DURAZO:** THAT'S RIGHT. EXACTLY RIGHT.

4

5 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I'M INFORMED THAT IT IS ACCURATE INDEED THAT IT
6 IS THE EMPLOYER'S MONEY. WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS -- AND IT WILL
7 DEPEND ON THE CONTRACT -- IS WHEN IT BECOMES VESTED.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FOR BENEFITS? FOR HEALTH BENEFITS?

10

11 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** FOR BOTH BENEFITS AND PENSION. PENSION
12 IS A FIVE-YEAR MANDATORY, I UNDERSTAND. AND VESTED FOR HEALTH
13 BENEFITS WILL DEPEND ON THE NEGOTIATION. IT COULD BE ANYTHING
14 FROM SIX MONTHS TO TWO YEARS TO WHO KNOWS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MEAN VESTED FOR HEALTH BENEFITS, ARE YOU
17 TALKING ABOUT HEALTH BENEFITS FOR THE EMPLOYEE NOT FOR THE
18 RETIREE, RIGHT?

19

20 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** BECOME ELIGIBLE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE DAY I START WORKING ON THE JOB, I
23 ASSUME I'M ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH BENEFITS, OTHERWISE THIS IS --

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW.



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1

2 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** HOURS ARE PAID INTO THE PLAN AND THEN ONCE
3 YOU BECOME ELIGIBLE, USUALLY THE FIRST DAY OF THE THIRD MONTH,
4 THEN YOU BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR -- IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY,
5 IT'S DIFFERENT THAN MOST EMPLOYERS OUTSIDE THE CONSTRUCTION
6 INDUSTRY -- YOU BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR LIKE THREE MONTHS TO SIX
7 MONTHS OF COVERAGE. SO EVEN IF YOU STOPPED WORKING ONCE YOU
8 BECAME ELIGIBLE, YOU STILL HAVE MEDICAL COVERAGE. AND WE DO
9 THAT --

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME UNDERSTAND SOMETHING. I COME TO WORK
12 ON JANUARY 1ST. I DON'T GET HEALTH BENEFITS FOR UNTIL MARCH OR
13 APRIL 1ST?

14

15 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** MARCH.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEN I WILL GET HEALTH BENEFITS AS LONG
18 AS I CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT JOB?

19

20 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THREE MONTHS OR FOUR MONTHS AFTER I QUIT
23 THE JOB?

24



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1 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** WELL IF YOU CONTINUE TO WORK, YOU BUILD UP A
2 BANK OF EVEN LONGER. IN THE PIPE TRADES, WHICH I'M OUT OF,
3 IT'S A NINE-MONTH ELIGIBILITY. SO IF YOU WERE LAID OFF AND
4 SIGN AN OUT-OF-WORK LIST ESPECIALLY NOW WITH UNEMPLOYMENT 40
5 TO 50 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, YOU
6 WOULD STILL HAVE MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY
7 TO COVER YOU DURING THAT DOWN PERIOD OF TIME.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG DOES THAT COVERAGE LAST?

10

11 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** IT'S LIKE SIX TO NINE MONTHS DEPENDING UPON
12 THE CRAFT UNION'S PLAN THAT YOU CAN BUILD UP ELIGIBILITY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I GO TO WORK ON THIS JOB. I WORK ON IT
15 FOR TWO YEARS. THE JOB IS OVER AND YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT I
16 HAVE -- AND I CAN'T GET ANOTHER JOB BECAUSE THE ECONOMY'S
17 STILL LOUSY, YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT I HAVE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR
18 SIX TO NINE MONTHS AFTER THAT?

19

20 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST EXPLAIN TO ME WHY WOULD YOU NOT -- WHY
23 WOULD I NOT GET HEALTH BENEFITS FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS
24 THAT I'M WORKING BUT I GET HEALTH BENEFITS FOR THE SIX TO NINE
25 MONTHS THAT I'M NOT WORKING AFTER I LEAVE THE JOB?



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2 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** BECAUSE YOU BUILD UP -- OUR PLANS ARE BASED
3 ON MONEY IN. SO YOU BUILDUP THE AMOUNT THAT COVERS YOU FOR
4 THAT FIRST ELIGIBILITY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT THE MONEY THE EMPLOYER IS GOING TO
7 PUT IN?

8

9 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** YES. AND IT'S THE AMOUNT THAT'S BEEN
10 NEGOTIATED WITH THE EMPLOYER.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE EMPLOYER PUTS IN MORE MONEY THAN IT
13 REQUIRES TO COVER THE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR THE TIME THAT THAT
14 EMPLOYEE IS WORKING? THERE'S AN EXTRA AMOUNT THERE?

15

16 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** NO. IT'S JUST A PER HOUR AMOUNT. IT JUST GOES
17 IN UNTIL YOU BUILD UP TO THE THRESHOLD. AND THEN YOU BECOME
18 ELIGIBLE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DOES THE SYSTEM PAY FOR THE HEALTH
21 BENEFITS FOR SOMEBODY WHO ISN'T WORKING?

22

23 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** THE TRUST FUND SENDS THE EMPLOYEE, WHEN YOU
24 FIRST BECOME ELIGIBLE, A NOTICE THAT YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR
25 BENEFITS. YOU FILL OUT THE ELIGIBILITY CARDS, THE BENEFICIARY



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1 CARDS AND ALL THE REST. THEN YOU'RE IN THE PLAN. THE EMPLOYEES
2 THEN KNOW HOW TO SUBMIT THEIR MEDICAL BILLS TO THE BENEFIT
3 PLAN. AND EVEN IF YOU GET LAID OFF, YOU GET A PLAN BOOK THAT
4 EXPLAINS THE WHOLE PROCESS TO YOU. AND EVEN IF YOU GET LAID
5 OFF, YOU REALIZE THAT YOU STILL HAVE ELIGIBILITY. DURING THAT
6 PERIOD OF TIME, THE TRUST FUNDS, THE BENEFIT TRUST FUNDS ARE
7 SENDING YOU AT LEAST QUARTERLY STATEMENTS TELLING YOU WHERE
8 YOUR ELIGIBILITY IS. AND IN MOST CASES, I WOULD PROBABLY GUESS
9 ALL, AND I DON'T KNOW THIS EXACTLY, BUT IN THE CASE OF MY
10 PLAN, IF YOU BECAME CLOSE TO THE END OF ELIGIBILITY, SAY YOU
11 WERE OFF FOR THAT NINE MONTHS, THEY WOULD NOTIFY YOU THAT YOU
12 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR COBRA, JUST LIKE THE PLAN WITH THE COUNTY
13 WHERE THEY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY YOU.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT. BUT WHAT I'M NOT
16 GETTING IS HOW DOES THE SYSTEM PAY FOR SOMEBODY'S HEALTH
17 BENEFITS WHEN THEY'RE NOT WORKING FOR SIX MONTHS BUT THEY
18 DON'T PAY FOR IT WHEN THEY ARE WORKING FOR THE FIRST THREE
19 MONTHS?

20

21 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** BECAUSE YOU'VE BUILT UP A BANK OF HOURS MORE
22 THAN WHAT IT TAKES TO COVER YOUR MONTH-TO-MONTH BENEFIT COSTS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN YOU BUILDUP THAT BANK OF HOURS, YOU'RE
25 ALSO BUILDING UP CASH IN THE TRUST FUND?



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2 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** YEAH. YES.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHO IS PUTTING THE MONEY IN THE TRUST
5 FUND? THE EMPLOYERS?

6

7 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** CONTRACTORS, YES.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE CONTRACTOR. SO HE'S PUTTING IN NOT JUST
10 ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER THE HEALTH BENEFITS FOR THE TIME THAT
11 THIS GUY'S WORKING, BUT THERE'S AN EXTRA AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT
12 HE'S PUTTING IN TO CREATE A CUSHION? TO BUILD A CUSHION?

13

14 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** YES. AND IT'S THE AMOUNT THAT IT WOULD TAKE
15 THE COVER THE EMPLOYEES FOR THOSE EXTRA MONTHS. SO THE DOLLAR
16 AMOUNT PER HOUR THAT IS SENT IN IS HIGHER THAN IT WOULD BE
17 JUST FOR THE INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY BENEFIT COSTS SO THAT YOU CAN
18 BUILD THAT CUSHION AS GRADUALLY AS YOU CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT
19 UNDER THE PLAN.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK A QUESTION ON THE -- AND I
22 DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE PUBLIC WORKS GENTLEMAN WHO WAS UP HERE
23 BEFORE IS STILL AROUND? WHO WAS THAT? I GUESS STAY THERE. BUT
24 I JUST WANT TO ASK A QUESTION. YEAH, COME ON UP. IF THERE WAS
25 NO PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THIS



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1 GENTLEMAN'S SEAT ON MY LEFT? OR GO OVER THERE, YEAH. YOU
2 PASSED THAT TEST. IF THERE WAS NO PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT,
3 WHAT WOULD THE WAGES OF THE NONUNION CONTRACTOR BE? WOULD THEY
4 BE WHATEVER IT WAS BID OUT TO BE WITH THE MASTER CONTRACTOR?
5 WITH US? OR WOULD IT BE THE SAME AS IT WOULD BE WITH THE
6 PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT?

7

8 **DAVID HOWARD:** WE HAVE TO PAY PREVAILING WAGE BY STATE LAW,
9 WHETHER IT'S A P.L.A. OR IT'S NOT. AND WHETHER THEY'RE WORKING
10 NONUNION OR UNION WE HAVE TO PAY PREVAILING WAGE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THERE WOULD NO DIFFERENCE IN THE WAGES
13 THAT A NONUNION CONTRACTOR RECEIVES WITH OR WITHOUT A P.L.A.?

14

15 **DAVID HOWARD:** CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT HEALTH BENEFITS?

18

19 **DAVID HOWARD:** WE HAVE TO PAY -- ONE OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE
20 PREVAILING WAGE IS A SPECIFIED AMOUNT FOR HEALTH BENEFITS. AND
21 SO IF THERE'S A P.L.A., THAT SPECIFIC AMOUNT PER HOUR IS PAID
22 INTO THE TRUST FUND. IF THERE IS NOT A P.L.A. AND THE
23 CONTRACTOR IS NONUNION, THEN THAT NONUNION SUBCONTRACTOR HAS
24 TWO CHOICES: EITHER THEY USE THAT COMPONENT THAT WE'RE PAYING
25 PER HOUR FOR THAT WORKER TO PROVIDE HEALTH BENEFITS OR THAT



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1 COMPONENT OF MONEY IS PAID DIRECTLY TO THE EMPLOYEE AND THEY
2 CAN USE IT TO BUY THEIR SAME BENEFITS. SO TO THE COUNTY, IT'S
3 COST-NEUTRAL. WE HAVE TO PAY THE SAME AMOUNT AND IT'S JUST A
4 QUESTION, DOES THE UNION PROVIDE A BENEFIT, DOES THE NONUNION
5 SUBCONTRACTOR PROVIDE A BENEFIT OR DOES THE EMPLOYEE GET THAT
6 IN CASH?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. HOWARD, I THINK YOU ARE AWARE OF THE
13 SURVEY DONE BY THE BUREAU OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION WITH THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, YOUR
15 COUNTERPART. I THINK IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT OF THE 73, QUOTE
16 QUOTE/UNQUOTE NONUNION CONTRACTORS SUBCONTRACTORS, ONLY NINE,
17 THAT IS 12 PERCENT OF THEM, PROVIDED BENEFITS COMPARABLE TO
18 THAT WHICH WE'RE DISCUSSING. ARE YOU AWARE OF THAT STUDY?

19

20 **DAVID HOWARD:** I AM, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THAT'S INSTRUCTIVE OF THE OVERALL
23 OBJECTIVE THAT WE SEEK, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
24 NAMELY, TO PROVIDE A SENSE OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING TO THE
25 WORKFORCE IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE ARE TARGETING. THIS HAS



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1 IMPLICATIONS FOR WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF
2 DISADVANTAGED WORKERS. IT HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR WHAT WE'RE
3 TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF THE PARTICULARLY ACUTE AND CHRONIC
4 ISSUES OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE FIVE-MILE RADIUS THAT IS UNDER
5 CONSIDERATION. AND SO WHEN WE THINK ABOUT HOW THE PROJECT
6 LABOR AGREEMENT REINFORCES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL
7 HIRE PROGRAM, THIS IS A PIECE THAT IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT.
8 AND I THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE PAY ATTENTION TO THAT. TO
9 RESTATE THE THRUST OF THE MOTION, IT IS ESSENTIALLY TO HAVE
10 THE VERY DISCUSSION THAT IS TAKING PLACE NOW TAKE PLACE IN
11 EARNEST, DRILLED DOWN FORENSICALLY TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS
12 WARRANTED, AND I THINK IT IS, THAT IS THE EXPECTATION OF THE
13 BOARD, SO THAT THE C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL CAN DEFINITELY
14 ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS BASED ON THEIR INDEPENDENT
15 VERIFICATION. REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE TRADES AND
16 THE FEDERATION ITSELF AS WELL AS ONE WHO IS AN EXPERT IN LOCAL
17 HIRING. AND I THINK THIS IS THE THRUST OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO
18 MOVE FORWARD. WE CANNOT ADOPT ANYTHING UNTIL THE SPECIFICS ARE
19 HAMMERED OUT AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD. INSTRUCTIONS TO MOVE IN
20 THAT DIRECTION IS ESSENTIALLY THE THRUST OF THE MOTION. THAT
21 REQUIRES IT TO COME BACK WITH CONSISTENCY TO THE BOARD. AND
22 ULTIMATELY IF THERE IS A DETERMINATION TO BE MADE, IT HAS TO
23 FINALLY BE AFFIRMATIVELY ACTED ON BY THE BOARD ITSELF. AND SO
24 I THINK THERE'S A LOT TO BE LEARNED, AND PROVED POSITIVE AS IS
25 INDICATED BY THE CHAIR EARLY ON. SO, MADAM CHAIR, I KNOW THAT



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1 THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. I AM OPEN TO THAT. BUT
2 I THINK THE CONVERSATION WE JUST HAD, QUESTIONS FROM YOURSELF
3 AND QUESTIONS FROM SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ARE INSTRUCTIVE AND
4 GIVE US A SENSE THAT WE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET THIS DONE
5 AND IT WILL BENEFIT ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU GET TO THE PUBLIC HEARING, LET ME
8 JUST ASK ONE QUESTION AND THEN I WANT TO RAISE THE OTHER ISSUE
9 THAT'S BEEN ON MY MIND. ONE IS UNDER THE P.L.A., WHEN A
10 CONTRACTOR CONTRIBUTES TO THE TRUST FUND, IS THE HEALTH
11 BENEFITS TRUST FUND IS THAT WHAT IT IS? THE HEALTH TRUST FUND?

12

13 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** HEALTH BENEFITS, THEY'RE SEPARATE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE HEALTH TRUST
16 FUND. IF THERE IS NO P.L.A., IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE
17 CONTRACTOR HAS TO PUT UP FOR HEALTH BENEFITS COMPARABLE TO
18 THAT AMOUNT THAT HE WOULD HAVE PUT INTO THE HEALTH TRUST FUND?
19 THE UNION TRUST FUND?

20

21 **DAVID HOWARD:** AGAIN THE AMOUNT THAT THE COUNTY WOULD PAY FOR
22 THAT IS SPECIFIED IN THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW. SO WE PAY THE
23 SAME AMOUNT WHETHER IT GOES INTO THE TRUST FUND, IT GOES TO
24 THE SUBCONTRACTOR OR DIRECTLY TO THE EMPLOYEE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE PAY IT?

2

3 **DAVID HOWARD:** CORRECT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE PAY IT TO THE SUBCONTRACTOR.

6

7 **DAVID HOWARD:** WE PAY IT TO THE GENERAL. THE GENERAL TO THE
8 SUBS. BUT EACH MONTH WHEN THEY SUBMIT THEIR PAY APPLICATION,
9 THEY HAVE TO PROVIDE THEIR CERTIFIED PAYROLL THAT IDENTIFIES
10 PER EMPLOYEE THAT THEY'VE PAID THE PREVAILING WAGE AND IT
11 WOULD BREAK THOSE THINGS OUT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF IT'S \$1,000 INTO THE TRUST FUND WITH A
14 P.L.A. THAT WE'RE PAYING TO THE GENERAL TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE
15 TRUST FUND, IT'S \$1,000 WITHOUT A P.L.A. THAT WE'D BE PAYING?

16

17 **DAVID HOWARD:** CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR.

20

21 **DAVID HOWARD:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, YES, SUPERVISOR. THAT
22 THAT AMOUNT IS SPECIFIED BY THE STATE. AND THEY HAVE TO
23 PROVIDE A CERTIFICATION THAT THEY HAVE DONE THAT. AND BENEFITS
24 IS ONE OF SEVERAL CATEGORIES THAT'S IDENTIFIED IN A PREVAILING
25 WAGE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. BECAUSE CERTAINLY THE IMPRESSION, IT

3 WASN'T STATED, BUT THE IMPRESSION THAT ONE GOT FROM THIS IS

4 THAT WITHOUT THE P.L.A., YOU GOT -- YOU WOULDN'T GET THE SAME

5 BENEFITS THAT -- WHAT THE UNION DUES ARE GOING FOR IS TO

6 ENSURE THESE BENEFITS. THE FACT IS THAT THEY GET ESSENTIALLY

7 THE SAME BENEFIT EITHER WAY. BY THE SAME TOKEN, THE JEOPARDY,

8 HANG ON. THE JEOPARDY THAT WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT TO THE

9 COUNTY IS NO GREATER OR NO LESS, BASED ON WHAT YOU'RE SAYING,

10 WITH OR WITHOUT A P.L.A. ANYWAY, THE SECOND THING I WANT, JUST

11 HOLD THAT THOUGHT. I DON'T WANT TO CUT YOU OFF, BUT I'M GOING

12 TO FORGET WHAT I WANT TO SAY. I'M OLDER THAN YOU ARE, BILL.

13 THE OTHER ISSUE I HAD AND I DISCUSSED IT WITH SUPERVISOR

14 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND WITH MS. DURAZO IS THIS ISSUE OF THE

15 JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES. AND I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A LONG

16 DISCUSSION ABOUT IT NOW. JUST TO GET TO THE BOTTOM LINE THAT

17 THE INFORMATION WE'RE GETTING -- AND I'VE ALSO GOTTEN IT IN

18 WORKING ON THE P.L.A. AT THE EXPO AUTHORITY, IS THAT THERE IS

19 A PROPENSITY, MAYBE THAT'S TOO STRONG A WORD BUT I'LL USE IT,

20 ANYWAY, A PROPENSITY FOR DELAYS IN LONG MEDIATION PROCESSES

21 BECAUSE OF JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES AMONG YOUR CONSTITUENT

22 MEMBERS. AND I'LL LET YOU RESPOND TO THAT. BUT HERE'S WHERE

23 I'M GOING. YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO TELL ME THERE IS NO SUCH

24 THING AND THAT'S FINE. BUT IF THERE IS SUCH A THING, THEN WHAT

25 I WANT TO SEE US DEVELOP, IF THIS IS GOING TO GO FORWARD, IS



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1 SOME MECHANISM WHICH PUTS A VERY TIGHT TIME FRAME ON THE
2 RESOLUTION OF THESE DISPUTES THAT IF THEY'RE NOT RESOLVED
3 WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OR WHATEVER AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF DAYS
4 IS, THAT IT BE RETURNED TO US TO ADJUDICATE IT, WHATEVER THE
5 APPROPRIATE PLACE IS. BUT THE INFORMATION I'VE GOTTEN OVER A
6 PERIOD OF MONTHS NOW IS THAT WHEN THESE DISPUTES HAPPEN,
7 YOU'VE GOT THIS NATIONAL UNION MEDIATION PROCESS THAT GOES
8 BACK TO WASHINGTON AND PING PONGS BACK AND FORTH AND IT CAN
9 JUST DRAG ON AND ON. SO YOU GOT ONE GUY SAYING I CAN DO THE
10 JOB, AND THE SECOND GUY SAYING I CAN DO THE JOB FROM ANOTHER
11 UNION. YOU GOT TO RESOLVE THIS WITHIN YOUR OWN ORGANIZATION.
12 AND WE END UP BEING THE VICTIMS, IF THAT'S TRUE. NOW MARIALENA
13 TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT SHE BETS THERE ARE ZERO SUCH CASES. I
14 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THAT BET BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO TAKE HER
15 MONEY. I DON'T KNOW HOW BIG A PROBLEM IT IS. AND I THINK I
16 NEED TO KNOW HOW BIG OF A PROBLEM IT IS. IT'S A SIGNIFICANT
17 ENOUGH CONCERN AT EXPO THAT IT'S PART OF THE DISCUSSION, I
18 THINK YOU'RE AWARE OF THAT. AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL FIGURE OUT A
19 WAY TO DEAL WITH THAT. IT MAY BE ALL MOOT. BUT IF THIS IS
20 GOING TO BE GOING FORWARD, THEN THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT I DON'T
21 WANT TO GET CAUGHT UP, I DON'T WANT THE COUNTY TO GET UP
22 PAYING MORE FOR A PROJECT. THIS IS ALREADY GOING TO COST US A
23 LITTLE MORE BECAUSE OF THE OVERHEAD THAT'S INVOLVED WITH THIS.
24 BUT DELAYS ARE COSTLY BOTH FROM A FINANCIAL POINT MUCH VIEW
25 AND ALSO FROM A DELAY IN GETTING THE SERVICE THAT THIS PROJECT



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1 IS SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMUNITY. EVERY MONTH THAT
2 IT'S LATE IS A MONTH THAT THE COMMUNITY IS DENIED VITAL
3 SERVICE. SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS IS GOING. I GUESS WE'LL
4 HEAR THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. BUT THAT WOULD BE ONE ISSUE THAT
5 I'D WANT TO FOCUS ON. SURE.

6

7 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** I COULD JUST TAKE A SECOND AND EXPLAIN TO
8 YOU. THE NATIONAL PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT OF JURISDICTIONAL
9 DISPUTES WAS PUT IN PLACE SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS YOUR
10 CONCERNS, THAT THERE ARE NOT SHUTDOWNS OVER DISPUTES BETWEEN
11 INDIVIDUAL TRADES ON WHO SHOULD PERFORM CERTAIN WORK. IF
12 SOMEONE HAS A DISPUTE, IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE TAKEN UNDER
13 CONSIDERATION AT THE BEGINNING OF A JOB, BEFORE WORK EVEN
14 STARTS AT A PRE-JOB CONFERENCE, WHICH IS MANDATORY UNDER THE
15 PLAN. SO IF A TRADE, A CONTRACTOR LAYS OUT WHO HE EXPECTS TO
16 ASSIGN WORK TO, THE TRADE HAS A CONCERN, AT THAT TIME HE CAN
17 GO THROUGH THE PROCESS THAT IS INTERNATIONAL, WHICH USUALLY
18 TAKES ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO RESOLVE IT BETWEEN THE TWO CRAFTS
19 THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED. AND THE OTHER PART OF THE PLAN THAT IS
20 MOST IMPORTANT AND ADDRESSES YOUR CONCERN IS THAT AT NO TIME
21 CAN A PROJECT BE SHUT DOWN. IF A TRADE ATTEMPTED TO DELAY THE
22 PROJECT, THEY WOULD AUTOMATICALLY LOSE ANY CLAIM TO THE
23 PARTICULAR WORK THAT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. THEY KNOW THAT.
24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU HAVE A STEEL
2 WORKER WHO SAYS "I CAN PUT THAT TOILET IN" AND A PLUMBER WHO
3 SAYS "I CAN PUT THAT TOILET IN." HOW DO YOU KEEP THE JOB
4 GOING?

5

6 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** WELL, THE JOB ALWAYS KEEPS GOING.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU CALL AN ELECTRICIAN.

9

10 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** THEY SUBMIT IT IN WRITING WASHINGTON. AND
11 THEN IT CAN GO TO A A HEARING AND EVERYBODY HAS THEIR
12 REPRESENTATIVE THERE TO ARGUE THEIR CASE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHILE THAT GOES ON, THE TOILET DOESN'T GET
15 INSTALLED.

16

17 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** CONTINUES ON

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO INSTALLS THE TOILET?

20

21 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** THERE IS NO BACK PAY INVOLVED.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO DOES THE ACTUAL WORK THAT THE DISPUTE IS
24 OVER?

25



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1 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** WHOEVER THE CONTRACTOR HAD ASSIGNED IT TO.
2 THE CONTRACTOR HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THE ASSIGNMENTS.
3 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO MAKE THE ASSIGNMENTS BASED ON THEIR
4 KNOWLEDGE OF WHO SHOULD PROPERLY PERFORM.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GOT IT. WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF YOUR
7 MEDIATION PROCESS?

8

9 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** THEN A DECISION COMES OUT. AND YOUR
10 DEFINITION I CAN GUARANTEE YOU I WOULD BET ON THAT 100
11 PERCENT, THAT IF THE IRONWORKER WAS PERFORMING WORK THAT A
12 PLUMBER WAS DOING OR VICE VERSA, THAT THE DECISION WOULD COME
13 OUT IF IT WAS IRON WORK IN FAVOR OF THE IRONWORKER AND IF IT
14 WAS INSTALLING A TOILET IN FAVOR OF THE PLUMBER. IF THAT WAS
15 THE ASSIGNMENT ORIGINALLY, THERE'S NO CHANGE. IF THE
16 ASSIGNMENT WAS A GRAY AREA WHERE THERE MIGHT BE A POSSIBLE
17 DIS-ASSIGNMENT.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN WHAT HAPPENS?

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21 **RICHARDS SLAUSON:** THEN THE CONTRACTOR IS BOUND TO MAKE THE
22 CHANGE. BUT HE HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR --

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE CHANGE, IF IT'S TOO LATE AND THE
25 TOILET'S BEEN INSTALLED.



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2 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** THEN ALL THE UNION HAS TO DISPUTE IT IS A
3 PIECE OF PAPER THAT SAYS THEY SHOULD HAVE PERFORMED THE WORK.
4 THERE IS NO RESPONSIBILITY MONETARILY FOR THE CONTRACTOR
5 WHATSOEVER. MR. DIXON FROM PARSONS, WHICH IS A WELL KNOWN
6 INTERNATIONAL COMPANY AND DOES PROJECT MANAGEMENT, HAS
7 INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THESE PROCESSES, AS WELL, FROM A
8 MANAGEMENT VIEW. AND HE COULD EXPLAIN TO YOU THE SAME PROCESS.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. LAST QUESTION ON THIS. WHAT GOOD DOES
11 IT DO THE UNION THAT DIDN'T DO THE WORK TO WIN A MEDIATION
12 AFTER IF JOB IS DONE?

13

14 **RICHARD SLAUSON:** THEY THEN HAVE A LETTER THAT SAYS THAT THAT
15 IS PROPERLY THEIR WORK AND IN FUTURE PROJECTS WHERE A
16 CONTRACTOR WAS MAKING AN ASSIGNMENT THEY WOULD SHOW THEM THAT
17 THAT SHOULD PROPERLY BE THEIR WORK, EXACTLY THE WORD.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AS IT RELATES TO THE MOTION,
20 THAT ISSUE IS CALLED FORTH FOR OUR NEGOTIATING TEAM TO COME
21 BACK WITH A SPECIFIC SET OF RESPONSES AS INDICATED IN B OF THE
22 MOTION WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS.

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24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WAS ALSO GOING TO SUGGEST THAT IF THIS IS
25 APPROVED THAT IN OUR REPORT BACK WE WOULD GIVE YOU A SIDE-BY-



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1 SIDE COMPARISON OF WHAT A WORKER WOULD GET UNDER A P.L.A. WITH
2 RESPECT TO WAGES AND BENEFITS AND WHAT A WORKER WOULD GET IF
3 NOT UNDER A P.L.A., SO WE CLEARLY SHOW THAT SIDE BY SIDE
4 COMPARISON.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE HAVE BRAD CARSON
7 AND ARTURO YBARRA, YANCY COOKS AND LESLIE GERSICOFF. PLEASE
8 JOIN US. IS MR. CARSON HERE? COME ON UP, SIR.

9

10 **ARTURO YBARRA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE
11 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ARTURO YBARRA, I'M THE DIRECTOR AND
12 COFOUNDER OF THE THE WATTS/CENTURY LATINO ORGANIZATION A
13 NONPROFIT SERVING WATTS, WILLOWBROOK AND SOUTH LOS ANGELES FOR
14 OVER 18 YEARS. I'M HERE TO URGE THIS HONORABLE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A PROJECT LABOR
16 AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW LOCAL WORKER POLICY AT THE
17 MULTISERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTERS AT THE NEW MARTIN LUTHER
18 KING, JR. MEDICAL CENTER. OUR COMMUNITY IS EXTREMELY
19 FRUSTRATED DUE TO A HIGH NUMBER OF FORECLOSURES, THE GREED OF
20 INVESTORS AND BANKS AND ONE OF THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
21 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT
22 APPROVING THESE PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE QUALITY JOBS WITH ALL THE
23 BENEFITS OUR LOCAL WORKERS CAN GET WILL BE JUST AN ACT OF
24 JUSTICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. CARSON?

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3 **BRAD CARSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MADAM CHAIR AND ALL THE
4 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BRAD CARSON. I'VE BEEN
5 GETTING JOBS FROM GANG MEMBERS FOR WELL OVER 20 YEARS MOSTLY
6 THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION, MOSTLY THROUGH LOCAL HIRING, AND
7 THEN AS OF RECENT, THE 10 YEARS, MOSTLY THROUGH PROJECT LABOR
8 AGREEMENTS. AS WELL I'M THE FOUNDER OF P.B. JOBS. I HELPED
9 NEGOTIATE THE P.L.A. AT THE PLAYA VISTA DEVELOPMENT, THAT WAS
10 WELL OVER 10 YEARS AGO. WE PUT WELL OVER 800 GANG MEMBERS INTO
11 THE UNIONS. WE PUT WELL OVER 1300 FELONS INTO THE UNIONS AT
12 THAT ONE SITE. SO WE ARE REALLY, REALLY WELL-INFORMED ON HOW
13 LOCAL HIRING WORKS AND HOW PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS WORK. I
14 WAS BEFORE THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BACK IN '97 TO GET
15 ESSENTIALLY LOCAL HIRING ON PROPOSITION A THE SAFE GATE
16 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ACT IN 1992 AND 1996. I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE
17 BETWEEN LOCAL HIRING AND PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS
18 FAR AS THIS PERTAINS TO ACTUALLY GETTING THE AT-RISK
19 DISADVANTAGED WORKER MORE AND MORE BETTER PAYING JOBS AND
20 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO A MIDDLE CLASS CAREER OPPORTUNITY.
21 WITH THAT SAID, I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH THE HONORABLE MARK
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT FURTHER KNOWLEDGE OF
23 LOCAL HIRING AND P.L.A.S IS NEEDED BY THIS HONORABLE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS, AND I OFFER MY SERVICES IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
25 ON HOW IT AFFECTS THE DISADVANTAGED WORKER. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR?

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4 **YANCY COOKS:** GOOD EVENING. FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD
5 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY
6 NAME IS YANCY COOKS. I'M HERE FROM THE OTHER YOUTH FROM SOUTH
7 L.A. AREA. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ASK ALL OF YOU TO PLEASE
8 SUPPORT THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL HELP PROVIDE
9 MIDDLE CLASS JOBS FOR EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE
10 DESPERATELY NEED THE OPPORTUNITY. THESE JOBS WILL HELP US HAVE
11 LONG-TERM GOALS AND CAREERS THAT WILL PROVIDE HEALTH AND
12 RETIREMENT BENEFITS. WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY, WE CAN ALL
13 TRANSITION OUT OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM WE'RE IN. I WOULD LIKE TO
14 THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS HERE TODAY FOR MAKING THINGS BETTER
15 IN THE COMMUNITY. SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUPERVISOR, MARK
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR MAKING JOBS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND GIVING
17 EVERY HUMAN BEING EQUAL RIGHTS. WE NEED MORE JOBS SO PEOPLE IN
18 THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE HOPE, FREEDOM AND WILL NOT HAVE TO
19 DEPEND ON OTHER SOURCES THAT ARE NOT GOOD. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. IF WE COULD HAVE RONALD
22 PRICE JOIN US, ROBERT SMITH AND DAVID GOMEZ. MISS GERSICOFF?

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24 **LESLIE GERSICOFF:** I'M LESLIE GERSICOFF. I'M THE EXECUTIVE
25 DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE, WESTERN REGION. I ALSO



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1 CHAIR AN ORGANIZATION OF N.G.O.S, A COALITION CALLED LANES,
2 LOS ANGELES NETWORK AGAINST SLAVERY, TO END SLAVERY. AND I
3 ALSO AM ON A COMMITTEE WITH THE JOB CREATION CENTER IN SOUTH
4 L.A. TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO -- NORMALLY I TALK
5 ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING. BUT 30 SECONDS IS NOT GOING TO BE
6 ENOUGH TIME, SO I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT LESS THAN TWO
7 HOURS AGO YOU AWARDED A GROUP OF PEOPLE FOR BEING ABLE TO
8 ENABLE THE COLLECTION OR THE POSSIBLE COLLECTION OF MONIES FOR
9 SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN. THE FATHERS AND THE MOTHERS WHO LIVE IN
10 THESE AREAS NEED GOOD UNION JOBS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THOSE
11 FAMILIES STABLY AND THROUGH THE FUTURE. THEY'LL GET THAT
12 TRAINING THROUGH THE P.L.A. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. PRICE? NO MR. PRICE. OKAY.
15 HOW ABOUT MR. SMITH?

16

17 **ROBERT SMITH:** GOOD MORNING. I SAY GOOD MORNING, IT'S ALMOST
18 NOON, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ROBERT SMITH,
19 I'M THE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR THE PAINTERS AND
20 ALLIED TRADES UNION. AND AS I LISTEN TO THE DISCUSSION, A LOT
21 OF GREAT CONCERNS HERE. BUT THERE IS -- YOU KNOW I CAN ONLY
22 SPEAK FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, FOR SEVEN
23 YEARS I DID PUBLIC WORKS COMPLIANCE WHERE I DID THE DAY-TO-DAY
24 INTERVIEWS WITH FOLKS, ET CETERA. AND WHAT I DID FIND, AND
25 THIS IS VERY VERIFIABLE, IS BESIDES LABOR VIOLATIONS FROM A



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1 LOT OF OUR A.B.C. CONTRACTORS, WHAT I FOUND WAS WHEN SOMEONE
2 DID HAVE A MEDICAL BENEFIT, IT GENERALLY WAS FOR THAT PERSON
3 ALONE. IT NEVER INCLUDED THE FAMILY. OUR MEDICAL BENEFITS
4 INCLUDE THE FAMILY. YOU KNOW, I'M ONE OF 13 KIDS. I WATCHED MY
5 MOTHER DIE AT 42 YEARS OLD BECAUSE WE COULD -- HEY, I KNOW
6 WHAT FOOD STAMPS ARE, I GREW UP ON THEM. I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE
7 TO NOT HAVE A CAREER PATH TO THE MIDDLE CLASS. AND I THANK GOD
8 FOR THE UNIONS LETTING ME HAVE A MIDDLE CLASS JOB AND
9 PROVIDING FOR MY CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME CALL UP VANCE
12 WEBSTER, WILL SCOTT AND DAVID FRELOW. MR. GOMEZ?

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14 **DAVID GOMEZ:** YES. MY NAME'S DAVE GOMEZ I'M WITH THE NATIONAL
15 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION AND I.B.W. LOCAL 11. I'VE
16 BEEN AN ELECTRICIAN FOR OVER 27 YEARS. I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE
17 BETWEEN HAVING A HEALTH PLAN AND NOT. HAVING A HEALTH PLAN
18 SAVED MY LIFE, IS ONE THING. BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A
19 HEALTH PLAN, YOU'RE GOING TO THINK TWICE ABOUT GOING TO THE
20 HOSPITAL. ANOTHER THING, TOO, IS I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT
21 ABOUT A.B.C. AND THE BUILDING TRADES. THE BUILDING TRADES HAVE
22 AN AVERAGE OF 89 PERCENT GRADUATION FROM APPRENTICESHIP
23 PROGRAM. A.B.C. HAS BETWEEN 3 PERCENT AND 30 PERCENT. THERE'S
24 A DIFFERENCE. IF YOU HAD A HIGH SCHOOL WITH A GRADUATION RATE
25 OF 30 PERCENT, YOU'D BE LOOKING AT THAT. SO I REALLY THINK YOU



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1 SHOULD CONSIDER A P.L.A. I'M FOR IT. I THINK IT'S GOOD LOCAL
2 JOBS. IT DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST UNION CONTRACTORS AND
3 NONUNION. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. WEBSTER?

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7 **VANCE WEBSTER:** YES. MY NAME IS VANCE WEBSTER. I'M HERE ON
8 BEHALF OF FATHER GREGORY BOYLE FROM HOMEBOYS INDUSTRIES. AND
9 WE'RE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE LABOR AGREEMENT PROJECT OR
10 PROPOSAL. THE HOMEBOYS INDUSTRY, WE HAVE OVER -- WE SEE OVER
11 12,000 GANG MEMBERS A YEAR, ANOTHER 8,000 INDIVIDUALS WHO WALK
12 THROUGH THAT DOOR SEEKING JOBS, TATTOO REMOVALS, ANGER
13 MANAGEMENT AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE IN HOMEBOYS
14 INDUSTRIES. ONE SECOND HERE. OKAY. I GOT EVERYTHING. OH,
15 EXCUSE ME. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME. WE'RE HERE IN SUPPORT OF
16 IT. LIKE MY BACK OF MY SHIRT SAYS, THE HOMEBOY SLOGAN, NOTHING
17 STOP A JOB LIKE A BULLET. NOTHING STOP A BULLET LIKE A JOB.
18 AND WE INVITE ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY TO COME DOWN THERE AND SEE
19 THE WORKS THAT WE'RE DOING DOWN THERE AND THE SUPPORT THAT WE
20 NEED DOWN THERE. SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SCOTT?

23

24 **WILL SCOTT:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. CONTRACTOR,
25 MANAGEMENT AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH



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1 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE WHEN THEY HAVE
2 PARTICIPATING APPRENTICESHIPS ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS. AND
3 FOR OVER 70 YEARS, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS HAVE PROVIDED A
4 MECHANISM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL WORKS OF LIFE TO BECOME A
5 PROFESSIONAL IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. BUT IT IS ONLY WHEN
6 THERE'S A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MANAGEMENT, LABOR AND GOVERNMENT
7 THAT THIS BENEFITS TO PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN FULLY
8 BE REALIZED. PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS HELP FACILITATE THAT
9 VEHICLE TO CAREERS AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS. WITHOUT A
10 PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT, YOUR LOCAL HIRE PROGRAM THAT YOU
11 RECENTLY APPROVED IS REALLY NOTHING MORE THAN A SHORT JOBS
12 PROGRAM FOR THESE NEIGHBORHOODS. AND I REALLY URGE YOU TO LOOK
13 AT APPROVING THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. THANK YOU.

14
15 **DAVID FRELOW:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID FRELOW. I
16 REPRESENT THE LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION NORTH AMERICA. I'M
17 ALSO A LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY RESIDENT. I'M HERE TODAY IN FULL
18 SUPPORT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. WE LIKE
19 THE COMPONENT, THE LOCAL HIRE COMPONENT. IT ENSURES THAT
20 PEOPLE THAT HAVE FACES LIKE MINE, UNDERUTILIZED WORKERS, AT-
21 RISK YOUTH, FOSTER CHILDREN, GANG MEMBERS, EX-FELONS, THOSE
22 ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WE LIKE TO TARGET. WE LIKE TO -- WE
23 BELIEVE IN GIVING THEM A SECOND CHANCE TO GIVE THEM HOPE THAT
24 THERE IS A SUSTAINABLE JOB AND A CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WITH
25 GOOD PAY AND GREAT BENEFITS. ALSO PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS,



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1 THEY'RE PROVEN. THEY ENSURE THAT HARMONY IS CREATED THROUGHOUT
2 THE PROJECT. THEY SAVE THE OWNERS MONEY. THEY ALSO ENSURE A
3 PROFESSIONAL PROJECT AT THE END OF THE COMPLETION. SO, AGAIN,
4 WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER APPROVING THIS
5 PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE JAMES IRWIN,
8 JACKIE NUTTING, JUAN SANTANA, AND DANIEL VANDERWAL, PLEASE
9 JOIN US.

10

11 **JAMES IRWIN:** MY NAME IS JAMES IRWIN AND I REPRESENT THE
12 PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES UNION. WE HAVE OVER 10,000 MEMBERS
13 IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE STATE. WE REPRESENT DRYWALL
14 FINISHERS, FLOOR LAYERS, PAINTERS AND GLAZERS WHO DO WORK ON
15 THESE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. SO I'M DEFINITELY IN SUPPORT. I'D
16 LIKE TO ADVOCATE SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT TODAY.
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS NUTTING ?

20

21 **JACKIE NUTTING:** HELLO, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JACKIE
22 NUTTING WITH ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS, SOUTHERN
23 CALIFORNIA CHAPTER. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT TO YOU THAT THE
24 ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS IS A MEMBER OF THE
25 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S TRANSPORTATION



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1 BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL, OR T.B.A.C. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE
2 COUNCIL HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
3 PROGRAM. AS OF THE NOVEMBER 4 T.B.A.C. MEETING AN AD HOC
4 COMMITTEE WAS FORMED BY T.B.A.C. TO OPPOSE THE PROJECT LABOR
5 AGREEMENT UNDER DEVELOPMENT BY EXPO AND THE PROJECT LABOR
6 AGREEMENT BEING CONSIDERED BY MEMBERS OF THE M.T.A. BOARD FOR
7 MEASURE R FUNDS. THEY ARE OPPOSING IT BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT A
8 P.L.A. WILL MEAN THAT THEY WILL BE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED IN
9 BIDDING AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO VIRTUALLY TURN OVER THEIR
10 BUSINESSES TO THE UNIONS IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED TO WORK ON A
11 JOB THEY HAVE BID. THIS HAPPENS BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO PAY UNION
12 DUES AND FEES. THEY HAVE TO HAVE THEIR EMPLOYEES REGISTER AT
13 UNION HIRING HAULS. AND THEY HAVE TO WORK UNDER COLLECTIVE
14 BARGAINING AGREEMENT AS WELL AS PAY INTO PENSION PLANS THAT
15 THEIR EMPLOYEES WILL NEVER BENEFIT FROM. I'M GLAD THAT THEY
16 POINTED OUT RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AS OF THE
17 EXAMPLES. I'M DOING A STUDY ON RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
18 DISTRICT. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THEY'VE LOST HALF OF THEIR
19 BIDDERS AND THEIR COST FACTOR HAS GONE UP BY APPROXIMATELY 20
20 PERCENT. ALSO, I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE L.A. COUNTY
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE TAXPAYERS WILL SUFFER FINANCIALLY
22 UNDER THE P.L.A. IF YOU'LL LOOK AT PAGE 8 ON MR. FUJIOKA'S
23 REPORT, YOU WOULD JUST SEE THAT IN HIS REPORT, HE STATES THAT
24 "BECAUSE THE P.L.A. SETS STANDARDS, LABOR COSTS, AND WORK
25 RULES, NONUNION CONTRACTORS CANNOT WIN BIDS BASED ON LOWER



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1 COSTS. THAT MEANS THAT THE COUNTY CANNOT BENEFIT BY LOWER
2 COSTS BY THE CONTRACTORS, EITHER. THE REASON WHY, I QUICKLY U
3 WANT TO FINISH BY JUST TELLING YOU THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU THREE
4 DOCUMENTS THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE IN YOUR HANDS, PLEASE IF YOU
5 WOULD LOOK AT IT. I'VE GIVEN YOU THE SAN GABRIEL UNIFIED
6 SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. AND THE REASON WHY
7 IS BECAUSE A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT A TEMPLATE. WHAT YOU HAVE
8 IN YOUR HANDS IS WHAT YOU WILL BE GIVEN INTO YOUR HANDS IF YOU
9 GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. YOU JUST TAKE OUT
10 THE WORD "SAN GABRIEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT" AND INSERT
11 "MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL" AND THERE'S YOUR P.L.A. MAY I BE
12 GIVEN THE SAME AMOUNT THAT MR. SLAUSON GOT, WHICH WAS TWO AND
13 A HALF MINUTES?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND, WE WERE ASKING QUESTIONS OF
16 MR. SLAUSON.

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18 **JACKIE NUTTING:** OKAY. AND I WOULD JUST RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT I
19 BE ALLOWED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD THE BOARD HAVE THEM.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE, IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS. ALL RIGHT.
22 SANTANA?

23

24 **JUAN SANTANA:** HI, MY NAME IS JUAN SANTANA. I'VE LIVED IN L.A.
25 COUNTY ALL MY LIFE. I'M AN A.B.C. GRADUATE. A.B.C. IS A STATE-



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1 RECOGNIZED PROGRAM. I DO GET MEDICAL BENEFITS AND FULL
2 BENEFITS WITH THE NONUNION CONTRACTOR I WORK WITH, HELIX
3 ELECTRIC. I'VE WORKED WITH THEM FOR FOUR YEARS. I THINK THE
4 P.L.A. IS NOT FAIR TO NONUNION CONTRACTORS THAT ARE VERY
5 QUALIFIED, BECAUSE IT'S JUST NOT FAIR. IT GETS RID OF
6 COMPETITIVE BIDDING. AND AS FAR AS PAYING INTO UNION DUES ON
7 LIKE A TWO-YEAR PROJECT, IN TWO YEARS YOU PROBABLY WON'T BE
8 VESTED. AND AFTER THOSE TWO YEARS, YOU COULD GO ON ANOTHER
9 PROJECT AND YOU WON'T GET ANY RETIREMENT BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT
10 VESTED. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I CALL ON MR. VANDERWAL,
13 COULD WE HAVE ANDREW WELLS AND KEVIN KORENTHAL JOIN US. MR.
14 VANDERWAL?

15

16 **DANIEL VANDERWAL:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME A
17 CHANCE TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS DANIEL VANDERWAL, I'M A VETERAN OF
18 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, I'M A CITIZEN, TAXPAYER AND A
19 VOTER. AMERICA WAS BUILT AS A FREE MARKET ECONOMY. COMPETITION
20 DRIVES THE BEST PRODUCT AT THE BEST PRICE. BETTER RESULTS AND
21 ABOVE ALL, INNOVATION. LACK OF COMPETITION ALLOWS FOR
22 MONOPOLISTIC TRADES TO RISE, BREEDS COMPLACENCY AND IN MY EYES
23 GOES AGAINST AMERICA'S FUNDAMENTAL VALUES. A P.L.A. GIVES
24 UNIONS A MONOPOLY ON WORK, FORCING ME TO JOIN ONE AND GET
25 CHARGED TO TAKE PART IN PROJECTS MY TAXES HELP PAY FOR. PLEASE



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1 VOTE NO ON THIS AND ANY P.L.A., IT'S DISCRIMINATORY, IT'S
2 NONESSENTIAL, AND GOES AGAINST AMERICA'S CORE VALUES. AND NOT
3 TO BE CLICH , BUT THE WRITING'S ON THIS WALL. THIS COUNTRY IS
4 FOUNDED ON FREE ENTERPRISE. CHERISH AND HELP PRESERVE IT.
5 ALSO, I THOUGHT THE HEALTHCARE POINT WAS MOOT SINCE YOU'RE
6 PAYING THE SAME REGARDLESS. I'M ALSO AN A.B.C. GRADUATE. SO
7 THREE PERCENT TO 30 PERCENT I CAN GUARANTEE YOU THOSE ARE
8 INCORRECT STATISTICS. AND A.B.C. IS A SCHOOL AND THE
9 CONTRACTORS ARE THE ONES THAT CORRUPT SO YOU SHOULDN'T BASH
10 A.B.C. FOR CONTRACTORS' ACTIONS. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. WELLS?

13

14 **DREW WELLS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
15 SPEAK. MY NAME IS DREW WELLS. I WORK FOR HELIX ELECTRIC ALONG
16 WITH THE OTHER GENTLEMEN IN THE BLUE SHIRTS. WE ARE ONE OF THE
17 LARGEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS IN THE
18 NATION, HAVING RANKED IN THE TOP 15 NATIONWIDE THE LAST 10
19 YEARS. WE SPECIALIZE IN LARGE, COMPLEX ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION
20 PROJECTS LIKE HOSPITALS. LIKE WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED U.C.L.A.
21 REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL, U.C. DAVIS, U.C.S.D. MEDICAL CENTER,
22 RIVERSIDE GENERAL, SUTTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL ARE A FEW EXAMPLES
23 OF THE PROJECTS WE HAVE COMPLETED ON TIME, ON BUDGET, SAFELY
24 AND ALL THE WHILE USING A LOCAL WORKFORCE. WE ARE A NONUNION
25 COMPANY. WE PROVIDE OUR WORKERS A CHOICE OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL



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1 PLANS, TWO RETIREMENT PLANS. WE MAINTAIN HELIX UNIVERSITY,
2 WHERE WE ENSURE A HIGHLY TRAINED WORKFORCE. WE UTILIZE
3 APPRENTICES FROM STATE-APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS WE
4 INVEST HEAVILY IN THEIR SUCCESS. AND FINALLY, OUR SAFETY
5 RECORD IS SIMPLY STELLAR, AS WE HAVE A HIGHLY-SOPHISTICATED
6 SAFETY PROGRAM TO PROTECT OUR WORKERS. WE WILL NOT BID A
7 PROJECT WITH A P.L.A. FOR MANY REASONS. ONE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE
8 IT'S FAIR TO FORCE OUR WORKERS TO PAY UNION DUES AND
9 ASSESSMENTS. SOME WILL SAY THAT THE WAGE ISSUE IS MOOT BECAUSE
10 THIS IS PREVAILING WAGE. BUT NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER
11 FROM THE TRUTH. OUR WORKERS RECEIVE PREVAILING WAGES WITHOUT
12 HAVING TO PAY UNION INITIATION FEES AND MONTHLY DUES. SO IF
13 YOU WERE TO PUT A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT FORWARD AND OUR
14 WORKERS WERE TO WORK IT THEY WOULD ACTUALLY MAKE LESS MONEY
15 THAN A UNION WORKER. WE ALREADY MAINTAIN A BENEFITS PACKAGE
16 FOR OUR EMPLOYEES. A P.L.A. WOULD REQUIRE THAT WE PAY INTO THE
17 UNION PLAN AS WELL. THIS IS FAIRLY RIDICULOUS, ESPECIALLY IN
18 LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE WORKERS WILL NOT ANY OF THE
19 BENEFITS OF THOSE PLANS BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT HAVE ACHIEVED
20 THE RETIRED YEARS OF SERVICE TO VEST.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE?

23

24 **DREW WELLS:** AND JUST TO FINISH, ON THE LOCAL HIRE. I RAN A ZIP
25 CODE SEARCH. WE HAVE 100 WORKERS RIGHT NOW IN THOSE ZIP CODES



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1 THAT YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED AS DISADVANTAGED OR HAVING HIGH
2 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES. YOU YOU PASS THIS P.L.A. OR YOU PUT A
3 P.L.A. ON THE PROJECT, THOSE LOCAL WORKERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
4 WORK ON THIS PROJECT AND THAT'S NOT FAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ALSO NEED RANDY RHODES AND
7 JOSE GAITAN AND ERIC CHRISTEN. MR. KORANTHAL?

8

9 **KEVIN KORANTHAL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KEVIN
10 KORANTHAL. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA
11 COOPERATION COMMITTEE. THE CALIFORNIA COOPERATION COMMITTEE
12 WAS CHARTERED IN 2004 BY THE ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND
13 CONTRACTORS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL
14 RELATIONS AND LABOR CODE SECTION 1776. WE WERE AUTHORIZED BY
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO
16 AUDIT PUBLIC WORKS' PROJECTS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE'VE
17 AUDITED MANY PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. OUR RECENT WORK
18 HAS INVOLVED PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT PROJECTS IN THE LOS
19 ANGELES AREA. THE MOST RECENT OF THOSE PROJECTS WAS L.A.U.S.D.
20 VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NO. 5. A.B.C., C.C.C. AS WE'RE
21 KNOWN, AUDITED THIS PROJECT STEM TO STERN. AND EVEN THOUGH
22 THIS PROJECT HAD NOT ONLY A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT ON IT, BUT
23 ITS OWN MILLION DOLLAR A YEAR LABOR COMPLIANCE PROGRAM, MORE
24 THAN 50 CONTRACTORS WERE FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE LAW. 16
25 CONTRACTORS MISSED WAGE CHANGES IN THE LAWS. THEY DID NOT



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1 EMPLOY OR DID NOT REQUEST APPRENTICES FOR THE JOB AND DID NOT
2 PROVIDE FRINGE BENEFIT STATEMENTS THAT WOULD ALLOW A THIRD-
3 PARTY LIKE A.B.C. C.C.C. TO VERIFY. ALL PROJECT LABOR
4 AGREEMENT LANGUAGE SAYS THAT WAGES WILL BE PAID AS PER THE
5 PREVAILING WAGE AND THAT APPRENTICES WILL BE REQUESTED AND
6 USED IN THE PROPER ORDER. I SUBMIT EVIDENCE AND I HAVE MANY,
7 MANY MORE EXAMPLES OF THIS, WHERE THAT IS INDEED NOT THE CASE.
8 SO IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT HAVING A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT,
9 YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO PAY EXTRA FOR LABOR COMPLIANCE ON
10 THAT PROJECT.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. RHODES?

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14 **RANDY RHODES:** YEAH, RANDY RHODES IS THE NAME. I APPRECIATE THE
15 BOARD HERE LETTING ME SPEAK HERE TODAY. I'M A 23-YEAR
16 ELECTRICIAN IN CONSTRUCTION. I HAVE THREE KIDS THAT I'VE
17 RAISED BY BEING AN ELECTRICIAN. I'VE SPENT ALL 23 YEARS
18 WORKING FOR A NONUNION, OPEN SHOP CONTRACTOR. I'VE SUPPORTED
19 MY FAMILY. MY FAMILY HAS HAD INSURANCE THROUGH MY ENTIRE
20 CAREER. VERY GOOD TRAINING. AND I HAVE WORKED FOR A CONTRACTOR
21 FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS THAT'S BASED ON A STRONG CORE OF VALUES,
22 NUMBER ONE OF THOSE BEING THAT WE WILL NOT COMPROMISE THE
23 SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES OR THE QUALITY OF OUR WORK. AND I
24 THINK THAT TO ISSUE A P.L.A. ON A PROJECT IS AN UNNECESSARY
25 REQUIREMENT AND QUALIFICATION FOR MYSELF OR MY FELLOW



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1 EMPLOYEES TO BE ABLE TO WORK ON THAT PROJECT. SO I ENCOURAGE
2 YOU TO VOTE NO ON THE P.L.A. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. GAITAN.

5

6 **JOSE GAITAN:** YEAH, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK FOR TODAY.
7 MY NAME IS JOSE GAITAN. I'M RAISED IN LOS ANGELES. I'D LIKE TO
8 ADDRESS THE CLAIM THAT A P.L.A. WILL ENSURE LOCAL WORKERS TO
9 GET WORK ON THIS PROJECT. FIRST OFF, HERE I AM. I AM A LOCAL
10 RESIDENT AND TAXPAYER. MY COMPANY, HELIX ELECTRIC USUALLY
11 ACTUALLY HAS OVER 100 OF US THAT ARE FROM THE PREFERRED ZIP
12 CODE OF THIS HOSPITAL PROJECT. MY COMPANY IS NONUNION. I WILL
13 NOT BE ON A P.L.A. PROJECT BECAUSE P.L.A. MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE
14 FOR NONUNION CONTRACTORS TO BE SUCCESSFUL. THE REAL PURPOSE OF
15 THE P.L.A. IS TO ELIMINATE COMPETITION AND ENSURE ONLY WORKERS
16 WHO PAY PAY UNION DUES GETS TO WORK. MY NONUNION COWORKERS
17 REPRESENT 85 PERCENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE. I LIVE AND
18 WORK IN THIS COMMUNITY. IT MAKES NO SENSE FOR MY COMPANY TO
19 BRING IN WORKERS FROM OUT OF STATE WHEN THE LOCAL AREA IS
20 SUFFERING 10 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT. P.L.A. DO NOT NEED TO
21 ENSURE THE LOCAL WORKFORCE. IT HAPPENS NATURALLY. I WILL POINT
22 OUT THAT WHEN THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SENT ITS
23 FIRST P.L.A. PROJECT OUT TO BID, THE WINNING BIDDER WAS FROM
24 LOS ANGELES.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME IS UP.
2 ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE HAVE GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ARNOLD SACHS,
3 MICHAEL WILLIAMS, AND RON MILLER. MR. CHRISTEN?

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5 **ERIC CHRISTEN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ERIC CHRISTEN, I'M THE
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COALITION FOR FAIR EMPLOYMENT IN
7 CONSTRUCTION. WE WERE FORMED 12 YEARS AGO EXCLUSIVELY TO
8 OPPOSE THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL DISCRIMINATORY AGREEMENTS THAT
9 THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HAS EVER SEEN. IT'S WHAT YOU'RE
10 DEALING WITH TODAY. SO CONTROVERSIAL THAT IN JUST THE PAST
11 YEAR, EIGHT DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES HAVE BANNED P.L.A.S.,
12 INCLUDING THE FIFTH LARGEST COUNTY IN AMERICA, SAN DIEGO
13 COUNTY, LAST MONTH ON ELECTION DAY. 72 PERCENT OF VOTERS,
14 600,000 PEOPLE VOTED TO BAN THESE EGREGIOUS AGREEMENTS. THAT'S
15 HOW CONTROVERSIAL THEY ARE. THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT JUST
16 AGREED TO BAN P.L.A.S. EIGHT DIFFERENT ENTITIES, AND THAT IS
17 JUST THE BEGINNING. YOUR C.E.O.'S DOCUMENT ITSELF. ONLY
18 NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE UNIONS. WHY AREN'T WE ALLOWED AT THE
19 NEGOTIATING TABLE? HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THIS ISN'T
20 DISCRIMINATION WHEN THE FIRST ITEM THAT IS UNDERTAKEN IS AN
21 EXCLUSION OF ANYONE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN TO BE UNION.
22 CARPENTERS HAVE TO SIGN A SEPARATE AGREEMENT, JUST LIKE THEY
23 DID AT SAN DIEGO UNIFIED. WHY ARE YOU AGREEING TO AN AGREEMENT
24 THAT REQUIRES TWO SEPARATE GROUPS TO SIGN A PROJECT LABOR
25 AGREEMENT? UNION DUES. WHY IN THE WORLD IS THIS BEING



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1 REQUIRED? APPRENTICES CAN ONLY COME FROM UNION APPRENTICESHIP
2 PROGRAMS. WHY ARE NONUNION APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS EXCLUDED?
3 HOW CAN YOU JUSTIFY NONUNION APPRENTICES BEING EXCLUDED FROM
4 THESE PROJECTS? THESE ARE ONE OF THE CHIEF CONCERNS OF A
5 P.L.A. THE HIRING HALL AND THE MOST THE EGREGIOUS OF ALL THE
6 BENEFITS. I THINK THE CHAIRWOMAN AND THE OTHER SUPERVISOR HIT
7 THE NAIL ON THE HEAD. WHY SHOULD A COMPANY THE SIZE AND SCOPE
8 OF HELIX ELECTRIC BE FORCED TO PAY UNION DUES AND BENEFITS
9 WHEN THEY ALREADY HAVE BENEFITS FOR THEIR WORKERS? HOW CAN
10 THAT BE JUSTIFIED? I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WHILE MR. SLAUSON
11 WAS GIVEN TWO AND A HALF MINUTES IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT, I
12 WOULD LIKE TO STAY AROUND AND ANSWER QUESTIONS JUST AS HE WAS.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR, EXCUSE ME, FOLKS OUT THERE, YOU'RE
15 INTERRUPTING HIS TIME. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **ERIC CHRISTEN:** SO EVEN THOUGH MR. SLAUSON WAS GIVEN TWO AND A
18 HALF MINUTES FOR AN OPENING STATEMENT AND THE LADY THAT
19 PRECEDED HIM WAS GIVEN 2 MINUTES AND 15 SECONDS, I WILL END
20 NOW WITH THIS YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO PAY \$800,000 FOR THE
21 BENEFIT OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST WORKERS AND A FOUR-MONTH
22 DELAY IN THIS PROJECT. PLEASE DO NOT AGREE TO THIS NONSENSE. I
23 WOULD BE GLAD TO STAY BY AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF
24 AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS FOUNDED EXCLUSIVELY TO OPPOSE
25 P.L.A.S. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR. MRS. CLAVREUL
3 FOLLOWED BY ARNOLD SACHS.

4

5 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
6 WELL, I AM TOTALLY OPPOSED TO THAT P.L.A. I THINK IT'S, AS
7 USUAL, UNION HERE ARE TREATED A BETTER WAY. THEY WERE ALLOWED
8 TO HOLD THE FLOOR FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND ACTUALLY FOR ONE
9 MINUTE. I THOUGHT IT WAS NOT AT A BOARD MEETING BUT AT A UNION
10 HALL MEETING BECAUSE DEFINITELY THE UNION WERE DIRECTING THE
11 MEETING. I THINK IT'S ASININE THAT PEOPLE WILL BE OBLIGED AND
12 THE UNION HAS PERMISSION AND THE RIGHT TO COLLECT DUES AND
13 FEES FROM THE WORKERS WORKING WITH THE P.L.A. THAT OF COURSE
14 MANY OF YOU GET YOUR SUPPORT FROM THE UNION. I GUESS YOU WANT
15 YOUR CAMPAIGN MONEY AS USUAL. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS? IS MR. WILLIAMS? YOU'RE HERE?
18 WHAT ABOUT RON MILLER? NOT HERE. OKAY, GO AHEAD.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. I'VE
21 BEEN TO M.T.A. BOARD MEETINGS WHERE I'VE SEEN THE MEETING HALL
22 FILLED WITH UNION WORKERS WHEN IT COMES TO DECIDING ON
23 PROJECTS. I'VE BEEN TO CITY HALL WHEN UNION WORKERS WERE
24 CRYING IN A SENSE NOT TO HAVE THEIR JOBS ELIMINATED. OTHER
25 UNION WORKERS WERE DEMANDING THAT A PROJECT MOVE FORWARD THAT



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1 WOULD NOT PAY CITY FUNDS, THAT WOULD SAVE UNION JOBS. AND I
2 WAS HERE WHEN THIS ITEM CAME UP TWO MONTHS AGO AND THERE
3 WASN'T ONE UNION PERSON HERE. THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT
4 THAT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. WILLIAMS?

7

8 **MICHAEL WILLIAMS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DR. MICHAEL WILLIAMS. I
9 AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL HOMELESS
10 RESTORATION ADVISORY COALITION. WELL, THERE ARE A LOT OF
11 HOMELESS PERSONS WHO ARE NOW GROWING IN NUMBER AND IDENTITY
12 THAT REPRESENTS THOSE WHO WERE ONCE UNION AND ALL WHO ARE IN
13 NEED OF LOCAL HIRING OPPORTUNITIES. WE SEE A GROWING NUMBER OF
14 THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN MIDDLE CLASS BECOME MODERATE
15 CLASS, LOW CLASS AND NOW HOMELESS. WHETHER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
16 CHOOSE BETWEEN P.L.A. OR LOCAL WORKERS FOR HIRE IS A STRUGGLE,
17 THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY WHICH WE SEE FROM SUPERVISOR MARK
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS' EFFORTS IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE START
19 ADDRESSING THOSE PERSONS WHO DON'T WANT TO BE HOMELESS BUT
20 UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LACK OF EMPLOYMENT AND
21 OPPORTUNITIES ARE BECOMING AS SUCH. WITH THE DEMISE OF THE
22 FAILURE OF CONGRESS TO PASS AN EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT
23 BENEFITS AND NO JOBS FOR HOPE IN THIS CITY, THIS IS A MUCH-
24 NEEDED SHOT IN THE ARM.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SIR.

2

3 **MICHAEL WILLIAMS:** AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. MILLER?

6

7 **RONALD MILLER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M RON MILLER. I'M
8 A BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE FOR PLUMBERS LOCAL 78. WE'VE BEEN
9 AROUND LOS ANGELES FOR OVER 100 YEARS. I REPRESENT YOUR
10 PLUMBERS IN THE COUNTY. I'M ALSO AN APPRENTICESHIP INSTRUCTOR
11 AT OUR SCHOOL. OUR APPRENTICES ARE PART OF A JOINT LABOR
12 MANAGEMENT APPRENTICESHIP TRUST. WHEN THE CORE WORKERS FOR
13 THESE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS COME INTO OUR HALL AND SIGN UP,
14 WE SIGN THEM UP FOR HEALTH BENEFITS. WE DON'T ASK THEM WHETHER
15 THEY HAVE, IF THEY'RE MARRIED, IF THEY HAVE ONE KID OR 20
16 KIDS. THEY'RE ALL COVERED. WE HAVE DOCUMENTATION TO THAT
17 EFFECT. YOU CAN CONTACT MY OFFICE. ALSO MRS. NUTTING FOR THE
18 A.B.C., HER DAD WAS A UNION PLUMBER. HE COLLECTS A UNION
19 PENSION TO THIS DAY. [LAUGHTER.] MR. CHRISTEN, HE IS AN A.B.C.
20 CONTRACTOR, BUT HE ALSO WORKS FOR A CONTRACTOR THAT DOES WORK
21 FOR L.A.U.S.D. AND THAT'S VIOLATED THE STATE LABOR LAW MANY
22 TIMES. SO I WISH YOU'D SUPPORT THIS PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT.
23 THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. MILLER. ALL RIGHT. THAT
2 CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR SPEAKERS, THANK YOU, FOLKS. WE HAVE THE
3 MOTION BEFORE US. AGAIN, I DO THINK THAT IF IN FACT WE ARE
4 WRONG, I WANT TO BE CORRECTED. SO I'M GOING TO ACCEPT THAT WE
5 ACCEPT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S AMENDMENTS. BUT I THINK THAT
6 HOPEFULLY, BILL, YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. WE WANT
7 TO REALLY GET TO THE FACTS OF WHAT THIS IS. FIRST OF ALL, IT
8 SHOULD BE A PILOT. WE'VE NOT DONE IT. BUT IF IN FACT THEY ARE
9 GOING TO BE UNION FEES INVOLVED THEN THERE SHOULD BE BENEFITS,
10 WHAT ARE THOSE BENEFITS? AND HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET
11 THERE? AND ARE THEY LASTING? AND DO THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY?
12 I DON'T THINK, AGAIN, MOST OF THEM ARE GOING TO QUALIFY OR BE
13 VESTED FOR A PENSION, SO I DON'T THINK THAT WORKS UNLESS THEY
14 STAY WITH THE UNION. BUT IF THEY STAY WITH THE EMPLOYER, I
15 DOUBT THAT THEY'LL HAVE VESTING PRIVILEGES. BUT WILL THEY HAVE
16 COVERAGE DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME? AND IF THEY'RE PAYING
17 UNION DUES, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE WAGE SCALE IS GOING TO
18 BE AS COMPARED TO A UNION JOB TO SEE WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS,
19 AS WELL. AND THEN I THINK WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
20 THERE'S VALUE-ADDED TO THIS. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN
21 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS WHEN THEY ARE UNION APPRENTICESHIP
22 PROGRAMS IS THAT MOST OF THE TIME THEY AREN'T LOCATED OR AT
23 LEAST THE APPRENTICES ARE NOT FROM THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THIS
24 IS GOING TO BE BUILT. THERE SHOULD BE DIRECT CORRELATION TO
25 COMMUNITY BENEFIT. THOSE APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE



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1 REALLY GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANY YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET INTO
2 THE TRADES, WHICH ARE LUCKILY GOOD PAYING JOBS FOR THE MOST
3 PART. BUT THEY DO NEED TO BE TRAINED AND PREPARED TO BECOME
4 THOSE KINDS OF WORKERS. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S REALLY
5 GOING TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS
6 FROM THAT AREA. AND ALSO THAT THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE A DELAY
7 IN THE PROJECT BUILDING. WE'RE ALREADY ADDING TO THE COST
8 BECAUSE YOU ESTIMATED IT'S GOING TO COST US ABOUT A MILLION
9 AND A HALF MORE TO DO THIS PROJECT. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.
10 BUT IF WE'RE NOW GOING TO ADD DELAY AND THEN THERE IS NO
11 DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA, THEN I'M
12 CONCERNED. SO MY INTEREST IS THAT IT ISN'T JUST SOMETHING THAT
13 WE'RE PAYING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE UNION. AGAIN,
14 THAT IS NOT WHAT I'M INTERESTED. I'M INTERESTED IN DIRECT
15 BENEFITS THAT GO INTO THE EMPLOYEES AND THAT THERE'S
16 ENHANCEMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM. AND IF THERE
17 ISN'T CLEARLY A PATHWAY TO LOCAL HIRING AND THERE ISN'T
18 CLEARLY A PATHWAY TO MAKE THIS PROJECT GET DONE ON TIME AND ON
19 BUDGET, IF THIS CREATES THE KIND OF DELAYS THAT POTENTIALLY IT
20 CAN CREATE AS I'M TOLD IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, THEN I THINK IT
21 WILL BE A TELLING PILOT AS TO WHETHER IN FACT THIS COUNTY WILL
22 EVER ADOPT A P.L.A. IN THE FUTURE. SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
23 HAVE SOME SET OF STANDARDS. I'M NOT SURE THAT WE'RE GETTING
24 THE CLEAREST OF INFORMATION ON SOME OF THOSE THINGS. I'D LIKE
25 PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO PAY A UNION FEE TO GET SOME BENEFIT



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1 FOR THEIR REPRESENTATION OTHER HAND THE FACT THAT WE ARE
2 FORCING THEM TO PAY IT UNDER THIS P.L.A.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE CAN ADD YOUR CONCERNS AND ISSUES IN OUR
5 REPORT BACK AND JUST AS I MENTIONED IN A SIDE BY SIDE
6 COMPARISON.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT, BUT CLEARLY, CHECKING AND NOT JUST
9 WE-- I WANT YOU TO FIND OUT EXACTLY. I UNDERSTAND YOU CAN'T DO
10 ANYTHING ON PENSIONS BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S A VESTED. BUT ON
11 BENEFITS AND HEALTH BENEFITS. AND IF IN FACT THESE NONUNION
12 WORKERS ARE NOT PROVIDING HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, I ALSO WANT TO
13 UNDERSTAND WHY UNDER A P.L.A. YOU CAN FORCE A NONUNION
14 EMPLOYER TO PAY HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, WHEN I CAN'T FORCE NOW
15 ANY NONUNION EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE BECAUSE
16 I'M TOLD BY FEDERAL LAW I'M PROHIBITED FROM DOING IT. I WANT
17 TO UNDERSTAND THAT ISSUE, AS WELL. AND SO I'M WILLING TO
18 SUPPORT IT WITH THAT PROVISION. IT'S GOING TO COME BACK. BUT
19 IF I SEE THERE'S NO DIRECT BENEFIT AND IT'S ONLY ADDING COSTS
20 WITHOUT ANY REAL BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY, THEN I'M TRULY NOT
21 GOING TO BE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING IT. THESE ARE VERY
22 SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS. IT TAKES US A LOT OF TIME TO GET THE
23 KIND OF DOLLARS THAT WE NEED TO PUT THIS. MARTIN LUTHER KING
24 HOSPITAL HAS BEEN CLOSED. WE NEED TO REOPEN IT. WE NEED THE
25 M.A.C.C., AS WELL, NEEDS TO GET GOING ON THIS. BUT VERY,



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1 FRANKLY, IF IT'S GOING TO COST US MORE MONEY AND THERE ISN'T
2 ANY BENEFIT TO THE DIRECT COMMUNITY, THEN WHILE ALL OF US --
3 WE KNOW THAT THESE PROJECTS WILL CREATE JOBS. WE KNOW THAT
4 THESE PROJECTS WILL CREATE OPPORTUNITIES. BUT IF IN FACT IT'S
5 NOT THE KIND OF OPPORTUNITY THAT AFFECTS THE LOCAL OR AT LEAST
6 INCORPORATES THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, THEN WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,
7 IT'S NOT ANYTHING I WOULD SUPPORT. BUT I THINK A PILOT WILL
8 TELL US AS TO WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD OR NOT IN
9 ANY FUTURE KIND OF OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS. SO I WOULD INCLUDE
10 THAT PART OF IT. AND I THINK, ZEV, I THINK YOU WANTED TO
11 INCLUDE SOMETHING? AND THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE ISSUE, A
14 MECHANISM, A VERY TIGHT LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES
15 TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE. AND A MECHANISM BY WHICH TO RESOLVE
16 THEM IF THROUGH THEIR MEDIATION PROCESS THEY DON'T. NOW I'M
17 TAKING WHAT MR. SLAUSON SAID AT FACE VALUE THAT THE PROJECTS
18 DON'T GET STOPPED. BUT I THINK YOU NEED TO VERIFY THAT WHILE
19 THERE'S A DISPUTE. I'VE HEARD DELAYS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH IT. I
20 DON'T KNOW, IF THE PROJECT DOESN'T STOP, I DON'T KNOW WHAT
21 CAUSES THE DELAY. SO IF YOU CAN JUST ADDRESS THAT ISSUE IN
22 YOUR REPORT BACK. THANKS.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT SINCE WE'RE GOING
4 TO GET A REPORT BACK. HIS MOTION IS MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE THAN
5 THAT. I WOULD ASSUME THAT THE INFORMATION WE'RE REQUESTING WE
6 WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO SPEND MONEY ON PARSONS TO CONDUCT THE
7 NEGOTIATIONS OR OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL AT THIS POINT, AM I
8 CORRECT? I MEAN, THIS IS AN INTERNAL REPORT BACK. THIS IS NOT
9 MOVING FORWARD.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT IS AN INTERNAL REPORT BACK BEFORE WE CAN
12 MOVE FORWARD, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, HAVING LOOKED AT THE
13 MOTION. WE NEED TO COME BACK TO THIS BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL THAT'S NOT WHAT THE MOTION SAYS. LET'S
16 BE CLEAR. IT SAYS IT'S TO AUTHORIZE THE C.E.O., COUNTY
17 COUNSEL, PUBLIC WORKS TO NEGOTIATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 VARIOUS BUILDING TRADES ALONG THESE LINES AS PART OF THE
19 REPORT BACK.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THEN THAT WOULD BE THE PARSON'S PIECE AND THE
22 OUTSIDE LEGAL. I HAVE NO PROBLEM SUPPORTING THE INFORMATION
23 COMING BACK, YOUR CONCERNS AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S CONCERNS.
24 BUT HOPEFULLY THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL OR A
25 PROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATOR AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT TO GET THE



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1 SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISONS AND THE ANSWERS TO THE VARIOUS
2 QUESTIONS. OBVIOUSLY IN THIS ECONOMY, THE LABOR AVAILABILITY
3 IS NOT GOING TO BE AN ISSUE, WE KNOW THAT. SO I SUPPORT YOUR
4 QUESTION, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT MOVING
5 FORWARD.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE A PROFESSIONAL
8 NEGOTIATOR ON THIS KIND OF THING?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL REQUIRE SOME ASSISTANCE. THAT'S WHY WE
11 HAVE THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM PARSONS TODAY. WHAT I MENTIONED
12 IS THAT ON THE VERY LAST I THINK IT'S C, IT STATES THAT THIS
13 AGREEMENT, WHICH IS THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT, SHALL NOT BE
14 FINALIZED WITHOUT THE BOARD'S FINAL APPROVAL. SO WE WILL BE --
15 WE WILL SIT DOWN, WE'LL NEGOTIATE THE AGREEMENT BEFORE IT CAN
16 BE IMPLEMENTED, CONSUMMATED, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO BRING IT BACK
17 TO THIS BOARD.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, I UNDERSTAND. BUT THERE ARE TWO
20 DIFFERENT ISSUES, BILL. ONE IS TO GET REPORTS BACK ON SOME OF
21 THE SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND THEN THERE'S THE ISSUE OF NEGOTIATING.
2 LIKE FOR EXAMPLE, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU NEED TO NEGOTIATE
3 A DRUG TESTING. YOU SHOULD JUST SAY IT'S RANDOM DRUG TESTING.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I MEAN, YOU DON'T WANT THESE FOLKS ON THE
8 JOB OPERATING BIG EQUIPMENT. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU
9 NEED TO NEGOTIATE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY. PART OF THE CONCERN
12 THAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IS SATISFIED IS THE ACCURACY OF THE
13 FEEDBACK THAT WE GET FROM THE C.E.O. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT
14 THOSE WHO HAVE THE FULL EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA AID THE
15 APPROPRIATE DESIGNATED STAFF PEOPLE TO DO SO. I HAVE SAID
16 RATHER EXPLICITLY IN THE MOTION THAT THEY SHOULD BE RETURNING
17 TO US IN VERY, VERY SHORT ORDER, ACCELERATED. AND THE
18 INSTRUCTION SHOULD BE PROMPTLY UNDERSTOOD AS ANSWERING SOME OF
19 THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARTICULATED AS RELATES TO
20 THE BENEFITS MATTER, THE LOCAL HIRING MATTER, HOW IT GETS TIED
21 IN, THE ISSUE OF JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES AND THE LIKE. BUT ALL
22 OF THOSE THINGS HAPPEN IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE NEGOTIATIONS
23 TAKE SHAPE. I'M SATISFIED AND THE THRUST OF THE MOTION IS LET
24 THEM THEN BEGIN. BUT WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE REGULAR REPORT BACKS
25 FROM THE C.E.O. ON THAT MATTER. THAT WAY PROGRESS CAN MOVE



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1 FORWARD AND I THINK OUR QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED. AND IF THEY
2 ARE NOT ANSWERED SATISFACTORILY, I THINK IT'S ALREADY BEEN
3 MADE CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE PROBLEMS WITH THE ULTIMATE
4 ADOPTION OF IT. MY SENSE IS A LOT OF THIS IN THE CONTEXT OF
5 ERNEST GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE RESOLVED AND WE'LL HAVE
6 MUCH TO CELEBRATE AT THE CONCLUSION OF IT. SO THE MOTION IS
7 ESSENTIALLY TO MOVE FORWARD ALONG THOSE LINES WITH THE
8 REGULAR, SUSTAINED FEEDBACK AS SCHEDULED BY THE C.E.O.
9 PURSUANT --

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO YOU WANT THEM TO PROCEED WITH THE
12 NEGOTIATIONS?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT. BUT WANT REGULAR FEEDBACK TO THE
15 FULL BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FEEDBACK IS DIFFERENT. WE'RE LOOKING FOR
18 VERY SPECIFIC ANSWERS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S WHAT I'M -- I THINK IN THE CONTEXT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO IN TWO WEEKS WILL YOU GET US THOSE
23 ANSWERS?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ABSOLUTELY. THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION CALLS
2 FOR.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IN TWO WEEKS?

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO COULD YOU NOT BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL
9 YOU GET THOSE RESPONSES? SO COULD WE GET THOSE ANSWERS FIRST?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THOSE ANSWERS ARE BEST FACILITATED
12 IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATION. AND I THINK WE NEEDN'T FEAR
13 WHAT ULTIMATELY HAPPENS IN NEGOTIATIONS IN EARNEST BECAUSE IF
14 THEY'RE NOT SATISFACTORY TO US, WE ULTIMATELY HAVE THE FINAL
15 AUTHORITY TO SAY YEA OR NAY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AGREE WITH THAT. WHAT I WOULD JUST ASK IS
18 THAT YOU CONTINUALLY KEEP US INFORMED.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ABSOLUTELY.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF WHAT'S HAPPENING AND IT NOT BE BROUGHT AS
23 A FAIT ACCOMPLI WHENEVER IT COMES BACK AND HAVE THIS WHOLE
24 THING BLOW UP AGAIN. SO I THINK IT WOULD JUST BE HELPFUL IF



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1 WHOEVER, YOU OR YOUR PEOPLE OR PUBLIC WORKS JUST KEEP US
2 INFORMED ALONG THE WAY ON HOW THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE MOTION SPECIFIES THE FREQUENCY WITH
5 WHICH WE OUGHT TO HEAR A REPORT BACK.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THAT BE THAT MOTION ALSO SPECIFIES
8 NEGOTIATIONS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AGREED. AND I'M ESSENTIALLY PUTTING THAT
11 FORWARD.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANT THE ANSWERS TO WHAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
14 AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA MENTIONED, AND THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE
15 WITH THOSE TWO ISSUES BEFORE I WOULD AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL LET ME JUST MAKE CLEAR, I APPRECIATE
18 YOUR POINT OF VIEW. WE DIFFER, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I AM
19 ESSENTIALLY SAYING THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS OUGHT TO COMMENCE.
20 AND IN THE CONTEXT OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS WE ARE DUE THE
21 INFORMATION WITH REGULARITY.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
24 WHAT I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IS THAT IF YOU'RE NEGOTIATING, YOU



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1 NEGOTIATE FROM A CERTAIN POINT AND PLACE. WHAT I'M SAYING IS -

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOBODY IS CONFUSED AS TO WHAT WE'VE
5 INSTRUCTED, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL YES, THERE IS. FOR EXAMPLE, I DON'T
8 WANT THEM TO NEGOTIATE DRUG TESTING.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S CLEAR.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK THERE SHOULD BE RANDOM DRUG
13 TESTING.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND MY ASSUMPTION, THEN, IS THAT THE
16 C.E.O. UNDERSTANDS THAT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT IT DOESN'T SAY THAT. RIGHT NOW IT
19 DOESN'T SAY THAT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE C.E.O. UNDERSTANDS THAT, THE COUNTY
22 COUNSEL UNDERSTANDS THAT. AND WITHOUT GETTING INTO THE
23 NEGOTIATIONS, I SUSPECT IF THEY WANT TO HAVE QUOTE FULL
24 CONSENSUS, THEY WILL CARRY THAT FORTH.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT HOW DO YOU NEGOTIATE SOMETHING YOU
2 ALREADY WANT AT THE END? WHY ARE YOU NEGOTIATING IT? I WANT IT
3 TO COME BACK WITH JUST RANDOM DRUG TESTING. I DON'T WANT TO
4 NEGOTIATE THAT THEY PEE ON MONDAY AND THEY DON'T ON WEDNESDAY.
5 AND THEY DON'T DO IT ON FRIDAY. I DON'T WANT THAT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CLEAR ENOUGH. LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT
8 MADAM CHAIR SPECIFIES CERTAIN RELEASE TIME ACTIVITIES NEED TO
9 BE IN THE P.L.A.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BE CLEAR.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE WERE CLEAR AS WE COULD BE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AT LEAST SOMEBODY'S PAYING ATTENTION.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DON'T THINK ANYBODY, THE NEGOTIATORS,
18 MR. FUJIOKA, PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP US BY INDICATING YOUR
19 UNDERSTANDING AS TO COMMENCING WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT WHAT
20 THE ISSUES ARE IN TERMS OF THE BOARD'S UNREADINESS. BE CAREFUL
21 OVER THERE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BECAUSE HE AIN'T LISTENING.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M TRYING MY BEST.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY WOULD WE HAVE AN OBJECTION IF ONE OF THE
3 INSTRUCTIONS TO THE C.E.O. WAS ON THE DRUG TESTING THAT WE
4 SIMPLY -- THAT IT'S RANDOM DRUG TESTING LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE
5 GETS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THERE IS NOT AN OBJECTION. THE PROBLEM BEING IS
8 THEN WE'RE STARTING TO NEGOTIATE. THAT'S NOT MY ISSUE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND YOUR VIEW. BUT I'M SAYING
11 ASSUMING YOUR VIEW DOESN'T PREVAIL, MAYBE IT WILL, BUT IF IT
12 DOESN'T, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RETICENCE IS TO JUST SAY ON THE
13 DRUG TESTING, FOR EXAMPLE, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY
14 DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. I THINK IF THERE WAS A P.L.A., YOU'D
15 RATHER HAVE RANDOM DRUG TESTING THAN NOT, WOULDN'T YOU?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT TO GET TO THE P.L.A., I WANT THE ANSWERS TO
18 THE OTHER QUESTIONS. WORK STOPPAGES, THE OTHER ISSUES THAT YOU
19 RAISED.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO GET THE ANSWERS?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL THAT'S WHAT HE SAID TWO WEEKS.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I'M SUGGESTING TO YOU IN THE CONTEXT
2 OF THE NEGOTIATION, IF YOU WANT THE QUALITY INFORMATION THAT
3 WE NEED, IT IS IN OUR BEST INTEREST TO GET THOSE WHO YOU
4 MENTIONED, PARSONS BEING A PART OF THAT MIX, BECAUSE PART OF
5 YOUR CONCERN IS TO NOT BEGIN TO SPEND MONEY. I DON'T KNOW HOW
6 YOU GET AROUND THAT WHEN WE NEED TO GET THIS RIGHT. SO, MADAM
7 CHAIR, WITH RESPECT TO THE DRUG TESTING ISSUE, PUT THAT ON THE
8 TABLE AS A PART OF AN AMENDING MOTION. AND THEN LET'S DISPOSE
9 OF THAT ITEM. I'M FINE WITH THAT. I HAVE NO ISSUE WITH THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION MAYBE THAT MAYBE
12 GETS TO THE BOTH OF THEM IF IT'S TWO WEEKS? THAT YOU MODIFY
13 YOUR MOTION TO SAY THAT I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 AUTHORIZE THE C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
15 WORKS TO CONFER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS BUILDING
16 TRADES AND REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS ON THESE VARIOUS ISSUES?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DID YOU GET THAT AMENDMENT? IS THAT
21 SATISFACTORY TO YOU? SO AS AMENDED?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, HE'LL ACCEPT IT, IT'S HIS OWN.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT'S IN THE SPIRIT OF WHAT'S HERE.
3 AND IF IT GETS US TO THE POINT WHERE WE CAN BEGIN TO ANSWER
4 THE QUESTIONS AND MOVE THE BALL FORWARD, AS IT WERE, IT SEEMS
5 TO ME THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THEN YOU ELIMINATE THAT WOULD BE THE THEREFORE
8 CONFER AND YOU'D ELIMINATE A, B AND C.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, SIR.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MAY JUST HAVE TO RECONCILE SOME OF THE
13 LANGUAGE IN A, B AND C.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** A AND B IS DOING IT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL IT'S CONFERRING AND GETTING THE
18 INFORMATION, AND DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO TEE THIS UP
19 APPROPRIATELY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME MAKE ANOTHER SUGGESTION.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I'M LISTENING.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT YOU SAY CONFER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE VARIOUS BUILDING TRADES IN TERMS OF A POTENTIAL, REGARDING
3 THE TERMS OF A POTENTIAL.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS THE OPERATIVE WORD POTENTIAL?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEN IN THE A, B, AND C YOU COULD JUST
12 SAY THE POTENTIAL AGREEMENT. ON A, I SHOULD SAY. THE POTENTIAL
13 AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE PROTECTIONS, ET CETERA, ET CETERA.
14 AND B WITH A REPORT BACK. AND THE FIRST REPORT BACK SHOULD BE
15 IN TWO WEEKS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT GETS YOU TO WHERE, WITHOUT
20 LOCKING YOURSELVES INTO TECHNICALLY A NEGOTIATION.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DON'T SEE ANY REASON WHY THAT SHOULD BE
23 CONSTRUED AS INCONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES WE SEEK AS
24 ARTICULATED IN THE MOTION AND THE AMENDING LANGUAGE.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THAT'S VERY CLEAR.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CLEAR IS THE OPERATIVE WORD.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WHAT? AND NO NET COUNTY COST, THEN? I MEAN,
8 WE'RE NOT GOING TO HIRE NEGOTIATORS AND OUTSIDE COUNSEL?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. KNABE, I UNDERSTAND.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'RE JUST CONFIRMING, WE'RE CONFERRING AND WE'RE
13 TRYING TO GET ANSWERS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. KNABE, MADAM CHAIR, AT A CERTAIN
16 POINT, YOU CAN AMEND IT AND AMEND IT UNTIL IT DOESN'T LOOK
17 LIKE IT WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO LOOK. AND I RESPECT THE
18 FACT THAT THERE'S A DESIRE TO BUILD CONSENSUS. BUT AT A
19 CERTAIN POINT IF MEMBERS CAN EMBRACE IT, AFTER YOU'VE DONE ALL
20 THIS, I WOULD JUST SUGGEST THAT YOU ABSTAIN OR VOTE NO. WE'RE
21 TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I CAN ADD SOMETHING, GIVEN SOME OF THE
24 QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE POSED BY THE CHAIR, THE FIRST
25 REPORT BACK ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES, WE WILL DO IT WITH OUR



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1 EXISTING IN-HOUSE RESOURCES. SO WE WILL DO IT WITH IN-HOUSE
2 RESOURCES. WE'LL FOCUS ON SOME OF THE QUESTIONS LAID OUT OR
3 CONCERNS LAID OUT BY THE CHAIR. WE CAN MOVE THIS FORWARD RIGHT
4 NOW AND THEN BRING BACK THE PLAN IN TWO WEEKS. BUT WE'LL USE
5 ONLY COUNTY STAFF AND NOT HIRE OUTSIDE STAFF AT THIS TIME.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** SO JUST COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS WITH A REPORT?

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** WITHOUT THE OUTSIDE?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE SAID HE CAN DO THAT. WITHOUT THE OUTSIDE.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE JUST SAID HE COULD DO IT WITHOUT THE
16 OUTSIDE NEGOTIATOR IN TWO WEEKS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE QUALITY OF THE
19 REPONSES WE GET?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
22 MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU DO ACCEPT THAT AMENDMENT?

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SURE.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, GOOD.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ONE?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE ONE THAT THEY WILL GET US THIS
8 INFORMATION IN TWO WEEKS, RIGHT?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, TWO WEEKS. (OFF MIC DISCUSSIONS).

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S ACCEPTABLE? IS THERE ANY OBJECTION
13 NOW?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU'RE STILL OBJECTING? ALL RIGHT. SO
18 ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. THANK YOU, AS AMENDED. THANK YOU. NEXT
19 ITEM?

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR, I BELIEVE YOU COULD EITHER
22 CALL UP ITEM S-2, THERE'S A SPEAKER. I KNOW WE'RE RECEIVING
23 AND FILING THE DOCUMENT. BUT THERE IS A SPEAKER ON IT.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ITEM S-2. MRS.

2 CLAVREUL. IS SHE GONE?

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHE'S GONE. SO WE'LL RECEIVE AND FILE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM S-2,

7 PLEASE. NEXT ITEM?

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE ITEMS 20, 21 AND 23 THAT WAS HELD

10 BY ONE INDIVIDUAL.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO CALL UP ITEM 20,

13 MR. SACHS, WOULD YOU COME UP AND JOIN US AND SPEAK ON ITEM 21

14 AND 23.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. YOU

17 HAVE A SITUATION AT COUNTY U.S.C. THAT HAS MET NUMEROUS

18 PROBLEMS. YOU'VE HAD SOMEBODY FROM THE DEPARTMENT COME AND

19 EXPLAIN SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE THE HOSPITAL HAS

20 BUILT SMALLER, THE NEW HOSPITAL IS SMALLER THAN WHAT WAS

21 REPLACED. AND NOW, WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS YOU'VE HAD THERE, YOU

22 WONDER IF SOMEBODY IS KEEPING NOTES BECAUSE NOW YOU WANT TO

23 SPEND OVER \$5 MILLION WITH A 10 PERCENT CONTINGENCY FEE ON A

24 COMBINATION OF M.L.K. HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER AND HARBOR

25 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER TO MORE EFFICIENTLY PROVIDE ESSENTIAL



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1 HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SURROUNDING
2 COMMUNITIES. WELL, YOU HAVE A BLUEPRINT. DOESN'T COUNTY U.S.C.
3 SERVE AS SOMEWHAT OF A BLUEPRINT THAT WOULD SAY YOU KNOW WHAT?
4 INSTEAD OF SPENDING \$5 MILLION, WE CAN SAVE \$5 MILLION BY
5 AVOIDING SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT OCCURRED AT COUNTY U.S.C.
6 YOU KNOW, LIKE THE 24-HOUR TIME WAITING OR THE 22-HOUR WAITING
7 TIME? I BELIEVE THE LAST TIME THE DIRECTOR WAS HERE OR TWO
8 MEETINGS BEFORE, THEY MENTIONED THAT THERE'S A NEW PROGRAM
9 THAT CUT FIVE HOURS OFF THE WAITING TIME. WILL YOU HAVE TO
10 SPEND MONEY FOR THESE, PERKINS AND WILL OR WHO IS THE OTHER
11 ONE? GENSTLER? WOULD YOU HAVE TO PAY THEM? I'M GLAD YOU'RE
12 REALLY PAYING ATTENTION. BUT WOULD YOU HAVE TO PAY A FEE TO
13 THE TWO COMPANIES THAT YOU WANT TO HIRE SO THAT THEY CAN SAY
14 HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT? WE COULD FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES THAT THEY
15 USED IN L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. AND SAVE WAITING TIME. OR WE CAN
16 FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES THAT THEY USE IN COUNTY U.S.C. BECAUSE
17 WE DOWNSIZED THE HOSPITAL AND WE HAVE DONE CERTAIN THINGS. THE
18 ONLY PROCEDURE YOU MAY NOT WANT TO FOLLOW AT COUNTY U.S.C. WAS
19 WHERE YOU LOCATED THE HELICOPTER LANDING PAD? REMEMBER THAT
20 WAS RIGHT BY THE AIR SHAFT WHERE THE FEDERAL OVERSEER SAID
21 DON'T PUT HOSPITAL LANDING PADS THERE. BUT NEVERTHELESS THE
22 POINT AGAIN IS IF YOU HAVE WHAT'S TURNED OUT TO BE AN
23 EXPERIMENT, AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH,
24 BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, WE'RE REALLY PAYING ATTENTION. UNIONS RULE.
25 BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FOR ALL OF YOUR BLAH, BLAH,
3 BLAHS.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, BLAH BLAH BACK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON ITEMS 20, 21 AND 23, MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR, ON 20 AND 21, AGAIN,
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE AND 23 HE'S
12 A NO VOTE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED
15 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF
16 THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. NO ADJOURNMENTS?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, WE DO. I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE
21 MEMORY OF ALSO A RESIDENT IN MY DISTRICT AS WELL AS A FRIEND,
22 CONNIE DESTITO. CONNIE WAS A BELOVED MEMBER OF THE LINCOLN
23 HEIGHTS COMMUNITY. SHE IS A REALTOR, A CIVIC ADVOCATE, A CIVIC
24 ACTIVIST, EXCUSE ME, AND WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE LINCOLN
25 HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF THE COMMERCE. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, CONNIE



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1 WORKED TIRELESSLY TO IMPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD, TO ENSURE
2 BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL THE RESIDENTS. WE WANT TO
3 EXTEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO HER FAMILY, FRIENDS AS WELL
4 AS HER PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES. THAT'S ARE THE ONLY
5 ADJOURNMENT I HAVE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR
6 ADJOURNMENTS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WISH TO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MAY I
9 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TWO INDIVIDUALS, HELEN BRECKENRIDGE, BORN
10 APRIL 23, 1924, IN GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA. SHE PASSED ON
11 NOVEMBER 12 OF THIS YEAR AT THE AGE OF 86. SHE RELOCATED TO
12 PASADENA WITH HER FAMILY IN 1928. SHE ATTENDED OAKWOOD COLLEGE
13 IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AND RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA TO RECEIVE A
14 BACHELOR'S OF ARTS DEGREE IN BUSINESS FROM LA SIERRA
15 UNIVERSITY. SHE ALSO RECEIVED EXTENSIVE TRAINING AND EDUCATION
16 IN COSMETOLOGY, ENABLING HER TO BE A SELF-EMPLOYED LICENSED
17 BEAUTICIAN FOR MANY YEARS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. SHE WORKED
18 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE 15TH COUNCIL DISTRICT UNDER
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN GIBSON BEGINNING IN 1969. SHE LATER
20 BECAME A FIELD DEPUTY FOR JOAN MILKE FLORES UNTIL HER
21 RETIREMENT IN 1993. SHE WAS A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE
22 UNIVERSITY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, WHERE SHE SERVED AS
23 PRESIDENT OF THE USHER BOARD, SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER, A VOICE
24 OF HOSPITALITY AND THE CHURCH CLERK FOR MANY YEARS. SHE WILL
25 BE FONDLY REMEMBERED FOR HER BEING A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AND



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1 WHO SERVED THE COMMUNITY WITH EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRITY. SHE
2 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER CHILDREN, CLAUDIA, SHARON,
3 AND JERRY; HER NIECE, HELEN; AND HER GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS
4 TWO GOD DAUGHTERS. SECONDLY, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES,
5 PLEASE JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF SYLVIA BERGHOFF, WHO
6 LIVED IN THE COUNTY FOR OVER 50 YEARS AND PASSED ON THIS PAST
7 NOVEMBER 16 AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE WORKED FOR MANY YEARS WITH
8 HER LATE HUSBAND, BEN BERGHOFF, TO BUILD A SUCCESSFUL PRINTING
9 BUSINESS IN VAN NUYS, A. & B. PRINTING AND STATIONERY COMPANY.
10 SHE WAS ACTIVE IN JEWISH CHARITIES AND WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER
11 OF TEMPLE MOUNT ZION. SHE ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE AMERICAN
12 DIABETES ASSOCIATION IN HONOR OF HER GRANDDAUGHTER, LAURA, WHO
13 HAS HAD TYPE 1 DIABETES SINCE SHE WAS FOUR YEARS OLD. SHE IS
14 SURVIVED BY HER SONS, ARNIE AND HERB; HER FOUR GRANDCHILDREN
15 AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND I WOULD ASK ALL MEMBERS TO
16 SUPPORT IF YOU'RE SO INCLINED. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. YES, I HAVE TWO. JOANNE
19 AGOGLIA, WHO IS A RESIDENT, WAS A RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT WHO
20 PASSED AWAY. SHE HAD A LONG-STANDING INTEREST IN CHILDREN'S
21 ISSUES, A PASSION SHE SHARED WITH HER HUSBAND JOHN AGOGLIA,
22 LONGTIME N.B.C. TELEVISION EXECUTIVE, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS
23 THE VICE CHAIR FOR THE BOARD OF L.A. UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL,
24 PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD
25 OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS. JOANNE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND.



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1 IRVING GELLERT, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT WHO PASSED
2 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. BORN IN PENNSYLVANIA, GRADUATE OF
3 TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, AND WORLD WAR II ARMY VETERAN. RECEIVED HIS
4 LAW DEGREE FROM N.Y.U. 1949. IN 1957 ADMITTED TO THE
5 CALIFORNIA BAR. HE WAS AN AVID SPORTS FAN AND PARTICULARLY AN
6 AVID LAKER FAN AND EARLY ADOPTER AND ADAPTER TO NEW TECHNOLOGY
7 AND A POLITICAL JUNKIE WHO EAGERLY FOLLOWED ELECTION RESULTS
8 ONLINE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, JAY, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES
9 AS C.E.O. FOR HEALTHNET, AND HIS WIFE OF 53 YEARS, HARRIET,
10 PREDECEASED HIM.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
16 BEFORE I GO TO MY ADJOURNMENTS, I DO HAVE A READ-IN MOTION.
17 "ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2010, HEATHER BROADUS, 27, WAS FOUND
18 LYING DECEASED ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE ON
19 56TH STREET IN LONG BEACH. THE VICTIM HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE
20 UPPER TORSO AND WAS DISCOVERED A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY FROM HER
21 HOTEL ROOM. DETECTIVES CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION
22 AND WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO KILLED
23 THE VICTIM OR DETERMINE THE MOTIVE FOR THE SENSELESS KILLING.
24 NO ONE HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN THE CASE. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE IT
25 WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO CONTINUE TO OFFER A REWARD IN THE CASE



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1 THAT MAY PROMPT RELUCTANT WITNESSES TO COME FORWARD AND
2 PROVIDE INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE
3 FOR THIS HORRIFIC CRIME. AND THEY CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS. I
4 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD EXTEND THE OFFER OF A \$10,000
5 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF
6 THE PERPETRATORS OF THIS HORRIFIC CRIME. AS FAR AS MY
7 ADJOURNMENTS, MADAM CHAIR, FIRST OF ALL, ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
8 A LONGTIME FRIEND, MARTY GIBSON, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG
9 AGE OF 54. HE WAS THE OWNER OF PEPE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND
10 CANTINA IN CANYON LAKE. HE SERVED THE COMMUNITY AS MAYOR,
11 POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT OF THE
12 CHAMBER, CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR. HE WAS
13 AN ENTREPRENEUR AND PHILANTHROPIST. PRIOR TO MOVING TO CANYON
14 LAKE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CERRITOS OPTIMIST CLUB WHICH I
15 BELONGED TO FOR 40 YEARS. HE WAS A FORMER CHAMBER BOARD
16 MEMBER, FORMER RESTAURANT OWNER IN THE CITY OF CERRITOS WITH
17 HIS BROTHER AND HIS FAMILY. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY
18 AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JEAN, THREE CHILDREN,
19 LISA, LAURA, CRIS; AND SIX SIBLINGS, JERRY, HARRY, DON, TOM,
20 ELIZABETH AND SUE. GREAT GUY. HE'S GOING TO TRULY BE MISSED.
21 LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY
22 OF MARTIN ZILINSKAS WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 18. HE RETIRED
23 FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD, VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BELLFLOWER
24 KIWANIS. HE AND HIS LATE WIFE, JULIA, WERE LONGTIME SUPPORTERS
25 OF THE Y.M.C.A. OF GREATER LONG BEACH AND JUST GREAT CITIZENS



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1 OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER REGION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO
2 SIBLINGS, JOHN AND MARIA. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
3 OFELIA CERDA, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SOUTH BAY. BELOVED
4 AUNT OF MY STAFF MEMBER, HECTOR ADAME, WHO PASSED AWAY
5 SUDDENLY LAST WEEK AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. SHE LOVED COOKING AND
6 SPENDING TIME WITH HER CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE
7 MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
8 HUSBAND OF OVER 50 YEARS, FRANCISCO, AND EIGHT CHILDREN. ALSO
9 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GARY OTTO PARSONS, A LONGTIME
10 RESIDENT OF LAKEWOOD, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 61.
11 HE LOVED REAL ESTATE, FOR 36 YEARS HELPED FAMILIES ACHIEVED
12 THEIR AMERICAN DREAM OF OWNING A HOME. PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
13 RANCHO SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. HE WAS INVOLVED WITH
14 THE BIKERS AGAINST DIABETES RIDE. AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S
15 RELAY FOR LIFE AND ESTABLISHED A SCHOLARSHIP FUND. HE IS
16 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 40 YEARS, ANNETTE; TWO CHILDREN, DINA
17 AND JONATHAN; THEIR SPOUSES; TWO BROTHERS, RICHARD AND PERRY;
18 AND A GRANDDAUGHTER, HALLIE. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
19 CHUCK CHAMBERS, RUSS URBAN, SEAN MARTIN KELLY, RESIDENTS OF
20 THE SOUTH BAY WHO WERE KILLED SUNDAY NIGHT IN A PLANE CRASH IN
21 NEWPORT BEACH WHILE RETURNING FROM A TRIP TO MEXICO WHERE THEY
22 OFTEN CONDUCTED CHARITABLE MISSIONS. PILOT, CHUCK AND RUSS,
23 ANNUAL FLEW TO TIJUANA TO DELIVER DONATIONS FOR OPERATION
24 MERRY CHRISTMAS. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED ON THIS TRIP TO A SMALL
25 FISHING VILLAGE IN BAJA BY SEAN MARTIN KELLY, A 44-YEAR-OLD



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1 HERMOSA BEACH RESIDENT. THEY WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND
2 FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSALIE ZITTEL, WHO
3 PASSED AWAY IN HER HOME ON NOVEMBER 14. SHE SPENT NEARLY 20
4 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE LONG BEACH
5 NAVAL SHIPYARD IN THE SEAL BEACH NAVAL WEAPONS STATION. SHE
6 WAS AN ARTIST, AND ENTREPRENEUR, OWNED THE FASHION TREES FOR
7 MANY YEARS IN EAST LONG BEACH. SHE WAS A LOVING MOTHER AND
8 GRANDMOTHER AND DEVOTED MEMBER OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CATHOLIC
9 CHURCH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN, GERALD, JOANNE,
10 DAVID, KARL; FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO BROTHERS AND MANY
11 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LYLE
12 POPE WHO PASSED AWAY IN LAKEWOOD AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 58. HE
13 WAS BORN IN WASHINGTON, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. HE
14 WORKED FOR THE LONG BEACH SHIPYARD, CATERPILLAR. HE WAS A U.S.
15 COUNTY MARSHAL DEPARTMENT AND THEN A LASTING CAREER WITH THE
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE RETIRED
17 AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE LOVED HIS FAMILY COACHING, DOING
18 THE PANCAKE BREAKFASTS AND LOTS OF OTHER INTERESTS. HE'S
19 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 34 YEARS, THERESA; FOUR CHILDREN,
20 SHANNON, MARY, KELLIE, JOHN; THREE GRANDSONS. ALSO FINALLY
21 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSE ANGEL, A RESIDENT OF SOUTH
22 BAY WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HE MOVED TO REDONDO
23 BEACH IN THE 60S, HAS BEEN IN THE SOUTH BAY EVER SINCE. HE
24 WORKED AND RETIRED FROM ROCKWELL. LOVED PLAYING SOCCER AND
25 SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY



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1 HIS WIFE OF 56 YEARS, FELICIA; EIGHT CHILDREN, FOURTEEN
2 GRANDCHILDREN; AND SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU, MADAM
3 CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. MR.
6 YAROSLAVSKY?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST LEARNED THAT SUSAN CHRISTINE DELMONT,
9 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS HEATHER DELMONT, WHO I THINK SOME OF US
10 KNEW AT CITY HALL, PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH. I HAVE JUST BEEN
11 INFORMED OF HER PASSING. SHE PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 11 IN
12 SANTA MONICA AFTER A VALIANT FIVE-YEAR BATTLE WITH BREAST
13 CANCER. HEATHER WORKED FOR JOEL WACHS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS
14 AND WORKED ON ISSUES INCLUDING LAND USE, TRANSPORTATION,
15 HOUSING, ARTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS. IN 1995, SHE LEFT
16 COUNCILMAN WACHS' OFFICE TO JOIN COUNCILMAN JACKIE GOLDBERG'S
17 OFFICE, WHERE SHE WORKED ON PROJECTS IN THE HOLLYWOOD AREA.
18 SHE WAS ALSO LIAISON BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OFFICE AND THE
19 HOLLYWOOD AREA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, DOING
20 RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS AFTER THE 1994 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE.
21 HER SURVIVORS INCLUDE HER DEVOTED SISTER, NANCY KRUEGER; HER
22 NIECE, AMELIA TOMLINSON; GODCHILDREN, ADELE AND PAUL BAGELY;
23 AND TONY AND ELISA HARPER; AND MANY AND CHERISHED COUSINS,
24 INCLUDING KAREN KRUGER, MARK CARLSON, KATHY DEVELIN AND MIKE
25 MCNAMARA. THAT'S IT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. ALL RIGHT.
3 PUBLIC COMMENT? IF WE COULD HAVE VEDA HALL JOIN US? HAROLD
4 HALL. KYNDALL BROWN AND LEGRAND CLEGG? MS. HALL, PLEASE HAVE A
5 SEAT.

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7 **HAROLD HALL:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND A
8 SPECIAL GOOD AFTERNOON TO SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. MY
9 NAME IS HAROLD HALL. I'M A RETIRED LIEUTENANT WITH L.A.P.D.
10 FOR 36-1/2 YEARS OF SERVICE. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE YEARS
11 WERE SPENT IN INVESTIGATIVE ASSIGNMENTS. EIGHT OF THOSE YEARS
12 WERE SPENT IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION. AND HOPEFULLY MY
13 EXPERIENCE IN THE INVESTIGATIVE FIELD WILL GIVE ME SOME SMALL
14 CREDIBILITY WITH YOU. MY WIFE AND I THE PATERNAL AUNT AND
15 UNCLE OF TWO MINOR CHILDREN, A NIECE AND A NEPHEW WHO ARE
16 CURRENTLY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. I WILL TELL YOU,
18 FRANKLY, WITHOUT THE HELP OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HIS
19 OFFICE, OUR NIECE AND NEPHEW WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM MY
20 FAMILY, PARCELED OUT THROUGH AN EXCEEDINGLY CONNIVING AND
21 DEVIOUS AND UNUSUALLY DETERMINED FOSTER CAREGIVER WHO IN ALL
22 CERTAINTY WOULD HAVE DONE AND IS CURRENTLY DOING EVERYTHING IN
23 HER POWER WITH THE ASSISTANCE AND THE COOPERATION OF A CORRUPT
24 SYSTEM TO DEPRIVE US OF OUR NIECE AND NEPHEW. THIS INCLUDES
25 THEIR FATHER AND THEIR GRANDMOTHER. LET ME REITERATE. THE



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1 CURRENT D.C.F. SYSTEM IS CORRUPT FOR IT CONTINUES TO ALLOW A
2 SOCIAL WORKER WHO CONTINUES TO DEMONSTRATE THAT SHE WILL NOT
3 FOLLOW THE DEPARTMENT'S OWN GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS. SHE
4 DOES NOT, AND I REPEAT, DOES NOT ENSURE THE SAFETY OF NEPHEW
5 AND NIECE. SHE HAS ALLOWED THE CAREGIVER TO MISS HER FOLLOW-UP
6 MEDICAL EXAMINATION. WE HAD TO RELAY THE MESSAGE FROM THE
7 CHILD'S DOCTOR TO HER OURSELVES. SHE FAILED TO TAKE OUR NIECE
8 FOR MEDICAL TREATMENTS EVEN AFTER SHE WAS OBSERVED WITH BURN
9 MARKS ON HER LEGS. AND WE HAVE THE PICTURES. WE HAD TO
10 TRANSPORT OUR NIECE TO A MEDICAL FACILITY FOR EXAMINATION IN
11 LANCASTER THE NEXT DAY AS DIRECTED BY THE SOCIAL WORKER. THE
12 CARETAKER, WHO IS THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE NOT ONLY DID NOT TAKE
13 THE CHILD A MEDICAL FACILITY AFTER SHE GOT BURNED AT THE
14 CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE, SHE DID NOT EVEN REPORT IT. OUR NEPHEW
15 CONSTANTLY COMPLAINED THAT HE HAD PROBLEMS WITH HIS EYES BUT
16 ACCORDING TO HIM HE HAS NEVER BEEN TAKEN TO A DOCTOR FOR HIS
17 EYES. THE SOCIAL WORKER HAS SURREPTITIOUSLY AND IN CONCERT
18 WITH THE CARETAKER, ALLOWED PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, WHO HAS A
19 CONVICTION FOR CHILD ABUSE AT LEAST ONE UNMONITORED OVERNIGHT
20 VISIT WITH THE CHILDREN. THE SOCIAL WORKER IS THE EPITOME OF
21 ARROGANCE. AFTER SHE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF A LETTER OF
22 COMPLAINT WE HAD FILED WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE,
23 SHE TOLD MY WIFE THAT SHE DID NOT CARE WHO WE CALLED, HER
24 SUPERVISOR, HIS SUPERVISOR, THE BOARD, THE A.R.A. OR ANYONE
25 ELSE WE WANTED TO CALL. AND SHE RETALIATED BY WRITING THIS



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1 LETTER BY DENYING US THE CHILDREN'S VISITATION PRIVILEGES. AND
2 WHEN SHE DID THIS, SHE SAID IT WAS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST.
3 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I REALLY REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE
4 IN HELPING US. AND THANKS TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
5 CARING AND THE COMPASSION YOU FEEL ABOUT TAKING CARE OF
6 INNOCENT AND DEFENSELESS CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS HALL?

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10 **VEDA HALL:** YES. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR ATTENTION.
11 MY PURPOSE TODAY HERE IS THREE FOLD. ONE, I WANT TO PERSONALLY
12 ALSO LIKE TO PUBLICLY THANK AND APPLAUD MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
13 HIS STAFF FOR BEING SO PROFESSIONALLY AND GENUINELY ATTENTIVE
14 TO THE CONCERNS OF HIS CONSTITUENTS. TWO, TO APPLAUD THE
15 EFFORTS OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ALL OF THE OTHER
16 SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE BEEN DILIGENT IN THEIR PROBE INTO THE
17 NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED AND KILLED
18 WHILE UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CARE OF D.C.F.S., THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. THIRDLY, TO RAISE
20 PUBLIC AWARENESS AND TO ASK YOU TO ALSO KEEP WATCHFUL EYES ON
21 THE THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WHO STILL REMAIN UNDER THE
22 SUPERVISION OF OUT OF CONTROL EGOTISTICAL SELF-SERVING SOCIAL
23 WORKERS, WHILE ALSO KEEPING WATCHFUL EYES ON THEIR
24 SUPERVISORS, DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO WOULD RATHER
25 DEFEND RATHER THAN INVESTIGATE THE UNETHICAL PRACTICES OF



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1 THEIR SUBORDINATES WHILE ALSO TAKING NOTICE THAT THEY
2 CONSTANTLY VIOLATE THEIR OWN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND
3 REFUSE TO PROVIDE ANY EXPLANATIONS -- AN ABOVE THE LAW
4 ATTITUDE. WHILE I AM SURE THERE ARE MANY DEDICATED AND
5 EFFECTIVE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO TRULY CARE ABOUT THE WELFARE OF
6 THESE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE
7 PALMDALE D.C.F.S. OFFICE HAS BEEN OTHERWISE. TRULY AN
8 UNBELIEVABLE NIGHTMARE. I AM NOT A SOCIAL WORKER BASHER. I
9 WORKED AS AN INTAKE WORKER AND ELIGIBILITY CONTROL WORKER FOR
10 THE DEPARTMENT FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
11 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR EIGHT YEARS OF MY 30 YEAR L.A. COUNTY
12 SERVICE. I AM ALSO NOT NAIVE TO THE ISSUES PLAGUING FAMILIES
13 OF CHILDREN REMOVED FROM PARENTAL CUSTODY. I WORKED 20 YEARS
14 AS AN L.A. COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF AND SERGEANT. I SPECIALIZED
15 IN CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER JUVENILE MATTERS. I
16 HAVE TESTIFIED AS AN EXPERT IN CHILD ABUSE IN SEVERAL COURTS
17 IN LOS ANGELES. SO NAIVE TO INVESTIGATIONS AND CHILD ABUSE
18 WELFARE MATTERS I AM NOT. AFTER ALL OF THIS, I FIND THAT I
19 HAVE A NIECE AND NEPHEW CAUGHT UP IN THIS DEPENDENCY SYSTEM
20 WHO NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE EXCEPT
21 THAT D.C.F.S. DID NOT DO DUE DILIGENCE SEEKING SUITABLE FAMILY
22 MEMBERS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE CHILD'S FILE. NOW BECAUSE
23 WE HAVE EXPOSED THIS DEPARTMENT INJUSTICE, BIAS, INCOMPETENCE
24 AND BROUGHT IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECOND DISTRICT
25 SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE BEEN MET WITH INDIGNATION AND RETALIATION.



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1 D.C.F.S. HAS CUT OFF ALL PARENTAL FAMILY CONTACT WITH THE
2 CHILDREN. THE ENDANGERING PARENT, THE MOTHER, HAS ALSO BEEN
3 ALLOWED TO MOVE INTO THE HOME OF THE CHILDREN'S FOSTER
4 CAREGIVER, WHO HERSELF IS OF QUESTIONABLE CHARACTER. ALL OF
5 THIS FOR THE SAKE OF RETALIATION AND NOT WANTING TO RECOGNIZE
6 THEIR ERRORS IN JUDGMENT. IN CLOSING, WE WILL NOT STOP
7 FIGHTING TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL DO
8 YOUR UTMOST TO SEE THAT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN TO ANY OTHER
9 FAMILIES. WHILE SOME ERRORS IN JUDGMENT ARE CONSIDERED HUMAN,
10 TO DELIBERATELY CONCEAL THEM AND JUSTIFY THEM IS INEXCUSABLE.
11 ESPECIALLY WHEN THE LIVES OF INNOCENT CHILDREN ARE AT RISK.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MS. HALL. COULD WE ALSO HAVE
14 PATRICK GREEN JOIN US, AS WELL AS JOHN KINNEY? MR. BROWN?

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16 **KYNDALL BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DR. KYNDALL BROWN. I'M A
17 MATHEMATICS EDUCATOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE U.C.L.A. MATHEMATICS
18 PROJECT, AND A LOCAL TAXPAYER. I'M THE FIRST OF A NUMBER OF
19 PEOPLE WHO ARE APPEARING BEFORE YOU TODAY REPRESENTING VARIOUS
20 AFRICAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WE
21 PERCEIVE TO BE A LONG-STANDING RACIST PRACTICE AT THE LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, THE SUPPRESSION, DISTORTION OR
23 ADMISSION OF THE BLACK ORIGINATION OF, PRESENCE IN OR
24 CONTRIBUTIONS TO VARIOUS CIVILIZATIONS AROUND THE WORLD. IN
25 2003, SEVERAL OF US APPEARED BEFORE THIS BODY TO PROTEST THE



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1 DISTORTIONS FOUND IN THE EXHIBIT, PHARAOHS OF THE SUN. IN
2 2005, WE APPEARED TO PROTEST THE DEPICTION OF BLACK EGYPTIAN
3 KING TUTANKHAMEN AS WHITE. IN BOTH CASES, THEN SUPERVISOR
4 YVONNE B. BURKE IN WHOSE DISTRICT L.A.C.M.A. LIES, WENT TO
5 GREAT LENGTHS TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS. CURRENTLY L.A.C.M.A. IS
6 SPONSORING THE EXHIBIT, OLMEC: COLOSSAL MASTERWORKS OF ANCIENT
7 MEXICO. ON DISPLAY ARE TWO GIGANTIC STONE HEADS AND SEVERAL
8 FIGURINES WITH PROMINENT AFRICAN FACIAL FEATURES YET NO
9 MENTION IS MADE OF THE OBVIOUS AFRICAN INFLUENCE. IN 1996, A
10 SIMILAR EXHIBIT WAS HELD AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE IN
11 WASHINGTON, D.C. THE EXPERTS THERE INTRODUCED THE EXHIBIT WITH
12 RECOGNITION OF THIS VIEWPOINT. TO RECTIFY THE OMISSION AT
13 L.A.C.M.A. WE ARE REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING: ONE, THAT THE
14 CURRENT NARRATIVES ON DISPLAY BE REVISED TO MENTION THE
15 ANCIENT AFRICAN INFLUENCE. TWO, THAT A PANEL OF EXPERTS ON THE
16 SUBJECT OF THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN PRE-COLUMBIAN AMERICA BE
17 CONVENED TO HOLD A SYMPOSIUM ON THIS SUBJECT AT L.A.C.M.A. AND
18 THREE THAT AN INVESTIGATION BE UNDERTAKEN TO DETERMINE THE
19 LEVEL OF DIVERSITY THAT IS PRESENT ON L.A.C.M.A.'S ADVISORY
20 BOARD AND SEVERAL OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION DID MAIL
21 LETTERS TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'D LIKE AT THIS TIME TO PASS
22 OUT SOME MATERIALS IN SUPPORT OF MY PRESENTATION. AND WHAT I
23 HAVE ARE POSTERS OF THE 17 OLMEC HEADS THAT DEPICT THESE
24 AFRICAN FEATURES THAT WE'RE DESCRIBING. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. CLEGG.

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3 **LEGRAND CLEGG:** YES TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND
4 ESPECIALLY TO OUR DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE MARK RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS, WITHIN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, THE COUNCIL, THE GREAT CITY
6 SCHOOLS ISSUED A REPORT ENTITLED "A CALL FOR CHANGE." IT
7 BEGINS BY SAYING THAT, QUOTE, "THE NATION'S YOUNG BLACK MALES
8 ARE IN A STATE OF CRISIS," END QUOTE AND DESCRIBES THEIR
9 CONDITION AS A NATIONAL CATASTROPHE. MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF
10 OUR BLACK BOYS LIVE IN POVERTY. 70 PERCENT ARE BORN TO UNWED
11 MOTHERS. BY THE TIME THEY REACH THEIR MID 30S, THE MAJORITY OF
12 BLACK MEN WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA HAS SPENT TIME IN
13 PRISON. THE GREAT RECESSION HAS MADE MATTERS WORSE. I CITE
14 THIS REPORT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTRODUCING MY BRIEF COMMENTS.
15 HAVING GROWN UP AS A BLACK MALE IN THIS SOCIETY, I KNOW WHAT A
16 CHALLENGE IT WAS FOR ME AND IT IS EVEN MORE SO TODAY FOR YOUNG
17 BLACK MEN TO HAVE A MODICUM OF SELF-RESPECT. FORTUNATELY I HAD
18 A STABLE FAMILY, DEVOTED TEACHERS AND A SOLID SPIRITUAL
19 FOUNDATION. NEVERTHELESS, I WAS AFFECTED BY MEDIA THAT
20 DEPICTED AND STILL DEPICTS BLACK MALES AS CRIMINALS, DERELICTS
21 AND BUFFOONS. I WAS DISGUSTED BY A SYSTEM THAT JUDGED ME BY MY
22 YOUTH AND COLOR, AND I WAS APPALLED BY ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS
23 THAT IGNORED BLACK HISTORY, SUGGESTED THAT I WAS INFERIOR, AND
24 EVEN DENIED THAT I COULD BE THE ATTORNEY THAT I ULTIMATELY
25 BECAME. BETWEEN 1963 AND 1966 I READ THE GREAT WORKS OF DR.



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1 W.E.B. DUBOIS, CARTER J. WOODSON, WILLIAM L. HANDSBERRY AND
2 J.A. ROGERS ON BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE. THESE OUTSTANDING
3 SCHOLARS COMPLETELY CHANGED MY LIFE. FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS NOW I
4 HAVE WRITTEN AND LECTURED ON BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE IN
5 ORDER TO INSTILL PRIDE INTO THE LIVES OF BLACK CHILDREN AND
6 YOUTH, ESPECIALLY MALES. IN MY RESEARCH, I HAVE FOUND
7 COMPELLING EVIDENCE TO THE EFFECT THAT AFRICANS DID INDEED
8 SAIL TO AMERICA THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE COLUMBUS. AS A
9 MATTER OF FACT, AS EARLY AS 1966, I RECEIVED AN A ON A PAPER I
10 WROTE AT U.C.L.A. ON THE SUBJECT. HOW INSPIRING IT WOULD BE TO
11 BLACK YOUNGSTERS AND OTHERS FOR THAT MATTER IF L.A.C.M.A. AND
12 OTHER INSTITUTIONS REMOVED THEIR BLINDERS AND ACKNOWLEDGED
13 THAT BLACK NAVIGATORS CROSSED VAST EXPANSES OF WATER TO SPREAD
14 THEIR VERSION OF CIVILIZATION ABROAD. THIS MIGHT BE ONE STEP
15 TOWARD IMPROVING THE LIVES OF YOUNG BLACK MALES. MOREOVER THE
16 KNOWLEDGE THAT NATIVE AMERICANS, LATINOS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS
17 HAVE A SHARED HERITAGE MAY LEAD TO A CULTURALLY ENRICHING BOND
18 BETWEEN THE THREE GROUPS. THE CURRENT EXHIBIT AT L.A.C.M.A.
19 MUST BE CHANGED TO REFLECT THE FACTS OF HISTORY, NOT THE
20 BIASES OF MUSEUM OFFICIALS. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. WE HAVE JOHN KINNEY AS
23 WELL AS LYNN MOSES JOIN US, PLEASE. MR. TALMADGE? IS TALIB
24 TALMADGE HERE? WHAT ABOUT PATRICK GREEN? YOU'RE MR. GREEN?
25 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT SPEAKING.



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2 **JOHN KINNEY:** I'M JOHN KINNEY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU'RE MR. KINNEY, GO AHEAD, SIR.

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6 **JOHN KINNEY:** FIRST I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. AND I WANTED TO GO AHEAD AND SAY ON
8 OCTOBER 22ND, 2010, A NUMBER OF BLACK PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS
9 AFRICAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS APPEARED BEFORE A PANEL HELD AT
10 L.A.C.M.A.'S BING AUDITORIUM, WITH THE CURRENT OLMEC EXHIBIT.
11 DURING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, SEVERAL OF US RAISED
12 ISSUES AND PRESENTED EVIDENCE REGARDING THE AFRICAN PRESENCE
13 IN THE AMERICAS BEFORE COLUMBUS. SINCE THE MOST OBVIOUS
14 EVIDENCE OF THE ANCIENT BLACK CULTURES ARE THE GIANT OLMEC
15 HEADS, WE EMPHASIZED THEIR NEGROID FEATURES. IN RESPONSE TO
16 THIS, TWO MEMBERS IN THE AUDIENCE TRIED TO DISCREDIT OUR
17 POSITION BY CLAIMING THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE, THAT ONLY
18 BLACK PEOPLE HOLD OUR VIEWPOINT. EVEN IF ONLY BLACK PEOPLE
19 HELD THIS OPINION, THIS WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY INVALIDATE IT.
20 BUT MORE IMPORTANT, THERE WAS A MUTINY ON THE PANEL ITSELF.
21 ONE OF THE PANELISTS STATED THAT WESTERN ARCHAEOLOGY IS RIFE
22 WITH RACISM AND THAT IT IS ABSURD TO VIEW OLMEC HEADS AND
23 CLAIM THAT THEY WERE NOT AFRICANS. SINCE WE CANNOT IGNORE THE
24 FACT THAT THE STATEMENTS OF WHITE AUTHORITIES ON THE ETHNICITY
25 OF THE OLMEC HEADS WILL LEND MORE CREDIBILITY TO OUR ARGUMENT,



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1 HERE ARE A FEW QUOTES FROM CAUCASIAN SCHOLARS OF GOOD WILL.
2 ANTHROPOLOGIST SHARON MCKINNON "ESCAPABLY NEGROID." ROBERT
3 QUIRK OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY, NEGROID HISTORIAN, NICHOLAS
4 CHEATHAM. EXAGGERATEDLY NEGROID. HISTORIAN, SADAM RODMAN,
5 NEGROID. NEW WORLD SPECIALIST JONATHAN LEONARD, NEGROID
6 FEATURES. DAVID HATCHER CHILDRESS, WHO HAS WRITTEN A BOOK
7 ENTITLED "THE MYSTERY OF THE OLMECS," IN WHICH THEY CONCLUDE
8 THE GIANT HEADS WERE DECIDEDLY NEGROID. FINALLY, IN ADDITION
9 TO THE GIANT STONE HEADS, ART HISTORIAN ALEXANDER VON WUTHENOW
10 HAS WRITTEN TWO BOOKS IN WHICH HE STATES FIGURINES
11 REPRESENTING BLACK PEOPLE HAVE BEEN UNEARTHED IN VERY ANCIENT
12 SITES ALL OVER MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA AS WELL AS COLUMBIA,
13 ECUADOR AND PERU. HE ALSO NOTES THAT THESE PEOPLE APPEAR TO
14 HAVE OCCUPIED THE HIGHEST STRATA OF THESE SOCIETIES. IN THE
15 SAME VEIN AN INDIAN SCHOLAR, R.A. JARAVAI, HAS WRITTEN THE
16 BLACK BEGAN HIS CAREER IN AMERICA NOT AS A SLAVE BUT AS A
17 MASTER AND IS SAYING THAT I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD HAVE EDUCATION
18 SYSTEMS SET UP AT L.A.C.M.A. AND OTHER MUSEUMS THAT GO INTO
19 THESE HISTORICAL PRECEDENCES WITH SO MUCH ARTIFACTS, SO MANY
20 BOOKS WRITTEN ON THESE SUBJECTS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A LOT MORE
21 OF THIS TYPE OF COMMENTARY AND PANELS AND DISCUSSIONS ON THESE
22 SUBJECTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. MOSES?

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1 **LYNN MOSES:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS LYNN MOSES. THE L.A.C.M.A.
2 MISSION STATEMENT READS: "TO SERVE THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE
3 COLLECTION, CONSERVATION, EXHIBITION AND INTERPRETATION OF
4 SIGNIFICANT WORKS OF ART FROM A BROAD RANGE OF CULTURES AND
5 HISTORICAL PERIODS." TO SERVE THE PUBLIC. THIS STATEMENT OF
6 MISSION MAKES NO MENTION OF THE DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO DISTORT
7 AND OMIT FACT, THE FACT THAT THE OLMECS WERE AND ALWAYS WILL
8 BE BLACK AFRICANS. MR. MICHAEL GOVAN, THE C.E.O., MELODY
9 KANSCHAT, PRESIDENT, JANE BURRELL AND THE OPINION OF MANY IN
10 THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE THROWN OUT INTO THE STREET. THE OLMEC
11 EXHIBIT AT L.A.C.M.A. IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN IGNORANT,
12 BARBARIC AND SAVAGE ATTEMPT TO DISTORT AND DEPRESS THE GLARING
13 FACT THAT BLACK AFRICAN PEOPLE WERE HERE LONG BEFORE THE
14 EUROPEAN WHITE, COLUMBUS IN PARTICULAR. BLACK OLMEC SOCIETIES
15 LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR NORTH AMERICAN, INDEED SO-CALLED
16 CIVILIZED THIS VERY CONTINENT. THE OLMECS WERE AND ALWAYS WILL
17 BE BLACK AFRICANS JUST LIKE ME. THE OLMEC EXHIBIT AT
18 L.A.C.M.A. GLARINGLY MAKES ABSOLUTELY NO MENTION THAT THE
19 OLMECS WERE BLACK PEOPLE OR ANY RACE. THEY MAKE NO MENTION OF
20 ANYTHING. THIS IS BARBARIC. THE PSYCHOPATHIC RACISTS CANNOT
21 STAND THE THOUGHT AND FACT THAT CIVILIZATION ITSELF AND INDEED
22 ALL NON-CAVE DWELLING KNOWLEDGE AND ADVANCEMENT CAME THROUGH
23 US, THE BLACK OLMECS, BLACK ANCIENT EGYPTIANS, ET CETERA.
24 CHINA, INDIA, IRAN, JAPAN ARE COMING ONLINE AND ADVANCING WITH
25 ALMOST EXPONENTIAL RATES OF GROWTH THROUGH TECHNOLOGY,



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1 EDUCATION AND UNITY. THE UNITED STATES, OUR SO-CALLED LEADERS
2 ARE ENGAGED IN THE VERY HEIGHTS OF MADNESS BY ATTEMPTING TO
3 SUPPRESS KNOWLEDGE AT THIS DAY AND AGE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
4 IT'S ALL CIRCLING THE DRAIN. CALIFORNIA HAS RECENTLY HAD TO
5 BORROW BILLIONS OF DOLLARS JUST TO SUSTAIN ITS UNEMPLOYMENT
6 SYSTEM. WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GET THE BILLIONS TO REPLACE
7 THOSE BILLIONS? NOBODY'S WORKING. THIS SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING.
8 AND WE NEED TO REPLACE IT. THE MUSEUM OFFICIALS, YOU THE BOARD
9 NEED TO COME DOWN AND HAVE US STOP HAVING TO COME DOWN HERE
10 AND DEMAND THAT YOU SUPPRESS, STOP SUPPRESSING OUR HISTORY,
11 OUR BLACK HISTORY. I WAS NO FAN OF YVONNE BURKE, BUT SHE, MR.
12 THOMAS, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, SHE GOT ON THIS ISSUE. THUS FAR, WE
13 HAVE SEEN NOTHING AND WE ARE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. MOSES. NEXT WE HAVE RICHARD
16 MERI KA RA BYRD, OMEGA SHEPHERD AND SAKKARA THOMAS. PLEASE
17 JOIN US. SIR.

18

19 **PATRICK GREEN:** HI, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME SPEAK. MY VOICE IS
20 A LITTLE CHAFED, SO PLEASE BEAR WITH ME. IN 1862, JOSE MALGAR
21 A MEXICAN CITIZEN DISCOVERED THE FIRST GIANT OLMEC HEAD BURIED
22 DEEP BENEATH THE SOIL IN MEXICO. HE WAS SO STUNNED BY THE
23 IMPLICATIONS OF HIS DISCOVERY, THAT HE WROTE TWO MAJOR
24 MAGAZINE ARTICLES IN SPANISH ON THE SUBJECT. NOT BLINDED BY
25 EURO CENTRISM OR SHACKLED BY AN ACADEMIC ESTABLISHMENT THAT



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1 DEMANDS ADHERENCE TO ITS POLITICAL AGENDA, MALGAR WROTE THE
2 FOLLOWING IN THE FIRST ARTICLE. "WE WENT AND I WAS STRUCK WITH
3 SURPRISE. AS A WORK OF ART, IT IS WITHOUT EXAGGERATION A
4 MAGNIFICENT SCULPTURE. BUT WHAT ASTONISHED ME WAS THE
5 ETHIOPIAN TYPE WHICH IT REPRESENTS. I REFLECTED THAT THERE HAD
6 UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN BLACKS IN THIS COUNTRY, AND THIS HAD BEEN IN
7 THE FIRST EPIC OF THE WORLD. THAT HEAD WAS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT
8 FOR MEXICAN ARCHAEOLOGY BUT ALSO WOULD BE FOR THE WORLD IN
9 GENERAL". SINCE MALGAR'S DISCOVERY, 16 OTHER STONE HEADS HAVE
10 BEEN FOUND IN VARIOUS PARTS OF MEXICO RANGING UP TO 10 FEET IN
11 HEIGHT WITH THE CIRCUMFERENCES OF 22 FEET AND WEIGHING 30 TO
12 40 POUNDS. THESE COLOSSAL STATUES APPEAR TO REPRESENT PRIESTS,
13 KINGS WHO RULED VAST TERRITORIES IN THE ANCIENT NEW WORLD FROM
14 PROVINCES NEAR THE GULF OF MEXICO. IN A COUNTRY THAT PERSISTS
15 TO INSIST THAT BLACK PEOPLE ARE ONLY DESCENDANTS OF SLAVES AND
16 THAT CONSTANTLY DEPICTS AFRICANS AS STARVING, DISEASED-RIDDEN
17 PRIMITIVES. THIS TRUE STORY OF THE OLMEC CIVILIZATION SEEMS TO
18 BE TOO MUCH TO BEAR. MY RESPONSE TO THIS KIND OF DISEASE-
19 RIDDEN THINKING IS IT'S OFFENSIVE. IT'S OUTDATED. IT'S TIME
20 FOR IT TO STOP. GET OVER IT. MALGAR WAS RIGHT. MEXICO IS JUST
21 ONE EXAMPLE OF HOW AFRICANS LAID THE FOUNDATION OF WORLD
22 CIVILIZATION, AND THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR. IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.
23 THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. MERI KA RA BYRD.



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2 **RICHARD MERI KA RA BYRD:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. AMERICA HAS A

3 HISTORY OF DEGRADING, DISCREDITING, AND DEFAMING BLACK PEOPLE.

4 PRIOR TO THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, AFRICAN-AMERICANS WERE

5 CONSIDERED THREE-FIFTHS OF A MAN. AND BLACK PEOPLE HAD NO

6 RIGHTS THAT A WHITE MAN WAS BOUND TO RESPECT. PROTESTANT

7 MINISTERS CLAIMED THAT AFRICAN-AMERICANS WERE THE CURSED SONS

8 OF HAM. SCIENTISTS AND SCHOLARS CONTENDED, AND SOME STILL DO,

9 THAT WE ARE SMALL BRAINED, GENETICALLY INFERIOR, SUBHUMANS

10 WITH NO HISTORY. HISTORIANS, ANTHROPOLOGISTS AND

11 ARCHAEOLOGISTS TURNED HISTORY ON ITS HEAD BY REMOVING BLACK

12 PEOPLE FROM ANCIENT EGYPT, EGYPT FROM AFRICA, AND AFRICA FROM

13 WORLD HISTORY. WESTERN SCIENTISTS AND SCHOLARS ARE COMPLETELY

14 CONTROLLED BY THIS THINKING, WHICH IS WHY THEY CANNOT CONCEIVE

15 OF THE IDEA THAT AFRICANS CAME TO AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS. THE

16 OLMEC EXHIBIT AT L.A.C.M.A. OFFERED A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR

17 THE WORLD TO BE SHOWN THE BRILLIANCE, MAGNIFICENCE AND MAJESTY

18 OF BLACK AFRICANS IN ANTIQUITY. HOWEVER, MUSEUM OFFICIALS WILL

19 CLAIM THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE, NO PROOF. THEY FLATLY REFUSE

20 TO READ AND ANALYZE THE EVIDENCE THAT EXISTS. THUS THEY CAN

21 PERPETUATE THE LIE THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO BACK UP OUR

22 CONTENTIONS. MY POINT HERE IS THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT

23 SCIENTISTS. THEY ARE THE UNFORTUNATE CLOSED-MINDED VICTIMS OF

24 THEIR MYOPIC EDUCATION AND THEIR OWN PROPAGANDA. THE OLMEC

25 STONE HEADS REPRESENT AFRICANS. WHAT MORE DO THESE SCHOLARS



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1 NEED TO SEE. THE FIGURINES ARE EVEN MORE AFRICAN. WHETHER AT
2 L.A.C.M.A. OR AT THOUSANDS OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
3 ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, SCIENTISTS AND ACADEMIANS CANNOT GET PAST
4 THE DEEPLY INGRAINED MYTH OF BLACK INFERIORITY. THEREFORE NO
5 MATTER HOW BLACK OR NEGROID KING TUT'S MUMMY IS, HE MUST BE
6 DEPICTED AS WHITE. NO MATTER HOW BLACK OR NEGROID ARE THE
7 COINS DEPICTING THE AFRICAN GENERAL HANNIBAL, HE MUST BE SHOWN
8 AS WHITE. AND NO HOW UNEQUIVOCALLY NEGROID THE GIANT OLMEC
9 STONE HEADS ARE, THE BLACK PRESENCE IN AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS
10 MUST BE VIGOROUSLY DENIED AT ALL COSTS. ALL OF THIS IS RACIST,
11 IDEOLOGICAL, UNSCIENTIFIC, BUT IT IS ALSO THE STATE OF MIND OF
12 THIS NATION'S BRIGHTEST MEN OF SCIENCE WHEN IT COMES TO THE
13 PERCEPTION OF BLACK PEOPLE. I AS ONE BLACK PERSON AM NOT GOING
14 TO TOLERATE THESE LIES ANYMORE IN THE 21ST CENTURY. BLACKS
15 SAILED TO AMERICA THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE COLUMBUS. THE
16 EVIDENCE IS AT L.A.C.M.A. TODAY. AND IT SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED
17 AS SUCH. WITH THE INTERNET AND THE GROWING AFRO-CENTRIC
18 MOVEMENT, PEOPLE ARE MORE AWARE THAN EVER BEFORE. L.A.C.M.A.
19 HAS BETRAYED THE PUBLIC TRUST. AND THIS BOARD HAS AN
20 OBLIGATION TO RESTORE THAT TRUST WITH GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO
21 PRESENT THE TRUTH IN THIS AND ALL UPCOMING EXHIBITS.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

24

25 **RICHARD MERI KA RA BYRD:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS SHEPHERD?

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4 **OMEGA SHEPHERD:** GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME IS
5 OMEGA SEWARD SHEPHERD. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE CITY OF
6 MCALLISTER, OKLAHOMA. I GREW UP IN A SEGREGATED SOCIETY. I
7 ONLY ATTENDED AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL WHEN I CAME TO CALIFORNIA,
8 WHICH WAS AT COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE. BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE
9 TO SAY TODAY IS THAT I THOUGHT THAT CALIFORNIA WOULD BE A LOT
10 DIFFERENT FROM WHERE I WAS RAISED. I WAS TAUGHT BY AFRICAN-
11 AMERICAN TEACHERS. MY PARENTS ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND I WAS
12 TAUGHT AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY BY MY PARENTS. AND IN HIGH
13 SCHOOL, IT WAS A REQUIREMENT THAT THE BLACK TEACHERS AND THE
14 BLACK ADMINISTRATORS GAVE US. WE WERE TAUGHT BLACK HISTORY AND
15 CULTURE ON A REGULAR BASIS AND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PRIDE AND
16 HERITAGE WAS INSTILLED IN ME AND US FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. I
17 LIVED IN A CLOSED SOCIETY, SO I WAS MORE OR LESS INSULATED
18 FROM A LOT OF THINGS THAT I THOUGHT THAT MY CHILDREN WOULD
19 NEVER SEE. I AM THE MOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN, THE GRANDMOTHER
20 OF FOURTEEN AND THE GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF NINE AND ONE ON THE
21 WAY. WHAT I HAVE DONE WHEN MY CHILDREN WENT TO BANNING HIGH
22 SCHOOL, I TAUGHT THEM. THE ONLY BLACK HISTORY THEY RECEIVED
23 WAS IN FEBRUARY. SO I SAW THAT THEY WERE NOT GETTING WHAT THEY
24 NEEDED. THEY COULD NOT EVEN SING THE NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM.
25 AND I SHOULD NOTE RIGHT NOW THAT EVEN THE ASIAN, LATINO AND



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1 SAMOAN FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES, THEY KNEW ALMOST JUST AS LITTLE
2 ABOUT THEMSELVES AS MY CHILDREN KNEW ABOUT THEMSELVES. ANYONE
3 WHO VISITS THE CURRENT OLMEC EXHIBIT AT L.A.C.M.A. OR READS
4 THE REAL HISTORY OF MEXICO WOULD SEE THAT THAT PART OF THE
5 WORLD WAS AN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CENTER, A STOPPING POINT
6 IN ANCIENT TIMES. THAT'S THE REASON THOSE FACES LOOK LIKE ME.
7 OLMEC HEADS AND OTHER ARTIFACTS CLEARLY SHOW THAT AFRICANS
8 AMONG OTHERS SAILED TO THE AMERICAS THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE
9 COLUMBUS. AND IT IS HIGH TIME THAT L.A.C.M.A. AND THE ACADEMIC
10 ESTABLISHMENT ACKNOWLEDGE THIS FACT, TOGETHER WITH OTHER
11 THINGS, ESPECIALLY WHAT OUR BLACK AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN,
12 ASIANS SHOULD KNOW. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. THANK YOU VERY
13 MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **RICHARD MERI KA RA BYRD:** MISS MOLINA, MAY I JUST GIVE THESE TO
18 YOU?

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE. ABSOLUTELY. MS. THOMAS?

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22 **RICHARD MERI KA RA BYRD:** IT'S AFRICAN PRESENCE IN EARLY
23 AMERICA BY ONE OF OUR TOP SCHOLARS, DR. IVAN VAN SERTIMA.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SIR. MS. THOMAS?



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2 **SAKKARA THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE
3 YOU. WHAT BECAME OF THE BLACK PEOPLE OF SUMER? FOR ANCIENT
4 RECORDS SHOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF SUMER WERE BLACK. WHAT
5 HAPPENED TO THEM? THE OLD MAN SIGHED. THEY LOST THEIR HISTORY,
6 SO THEY DIED. I'M HERE TODAY TO TELL YOU THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE
7 THAT WE'VE LOST OUR HISTORY, WE BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN STOLEN ON
8 MANY OCCASIONS. I'VE BEEN BEFORE YOU BEFORE REGARDING THE
9 PYRAMID AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH IN TERMS OF HOW THEY OMIT ANY
10 INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF THAT PARTICULAR FACILITY. AND
11 TODAY I'M HERE AND COME FORWARD TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT OLMEC
12 EXHIBIT AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. BEFORE THE
13 STUDY OF HISTORY BECAME POLITICIZED BY WESTERN WHITE SCHOLARS,
14 WHO CONSTANTLY MINIMIZE THE PRESENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLACK
15 PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD, MEXICAN SCHOLARS THEMSELVES WERE VERY
16 HONEST ABOUT THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN ANCIENT MESOAMERICA. THAT
17 IS MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA. ONE OF THE SCHOLARS IS BEATRICE
18 DE LAY FRENZA THIS IS WHAT SHE WROTE IN HER BOOK, LAS CABISAS
19 COLLOSUS OLMECA: IF IN SOME MOMENT, ONE HAPPENED TO PONDER ON
20 THE EXISTENCE OF NEGROES IN EARLY CENTRAL MESOAMERICA, SUCH A
21 THOUGHT WOULD SURELY OCCUR AFTER YOU HAVE SEEN THE HEAD OF THE
22 MOST TRES ZAPATES, THE MOST REMOTE IN PHYSIOMETRY FROM OUR
23 INDIGENOUS ANCESTORS. THE ELEVATED POSITION OF THIS PERSONAGE
24 IS REVEALED IN THE HEAD DRESS, FROM THE BACK OF WHICH DANGLES
25 SEVEN BANDS WHICH FIGURE BRAIDS THAT TAPER OFF INTO RINGS AND



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1 TASSELS." I HAVE FOR EACH OF YOU TODAY, A PICTURE OF THE FRONT
2 OF THIS GIGANTIC STONE HEAD TO WHICH PROFESSOR DE LAY FRENZA
3 MADE MENTION.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF WE COULD HAVE BIKBAYE
6 INEJNEMA. PLEASE JOIN US. MATHU ALTER, NEHEZ MENIOOTEH. AND
7 THEN WE HAVE MR. SACHS, AND MR. PREVEN. I APOLOGIZE IF I
8 MISPRONOUNCED YOUR NAMES, PLEASE.

9

10 **BIKBAYE INEJNEMA:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS BIKBAYE INEJNEMA.
11 AND I AM HAPPY TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY JUST TO SHARE THE
12 THOUGHTS OF THE YOUTH WHO I FEEL THAT I REPRESENT. YOU ALL
13 JUST HEARD MY ELDERS AND THEIR THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT. BEING
14 A FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER, I WAS GIVEN AN ULTIMATUM WHETHER TO
15 STICK TO THE CURRICULUM WHICH HAD ME STILL TEACHING OUR
16 CHILDREN THAT COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA, OR SHARING WITH
17 THEM WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. I CHOSE TO SHARE WHAT REALLY
18 HAPPENED. AND I WAS FORCED TO RESIGN FROM BEING A SCHOOL
19 TEACHER. WHAT IS GOING ON NOW, SPECIFICALLY WE'RE TALKING
20 ABOUT THE OLMEC HEADS, IS MUCH BIGGER THAN THE TRUTH STILL
21 BEING CONCEALED. THESE ARTIFACTS THAT THEY ARE TAKING FROM
22 DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD AND PUTTING IN MUSEUMS ARE VERY
23 SACRED ITEMS TO US. THEY'RE VERY SPIRITUAL AND SACRED ITEMS
24 THAT SHOULD NOT BE MOVED FROM ITS PLACE BECAUSE IT WAS PUT
25 THERE FOR A REASON. WE KNOW THE SECRETS TO THESE ARTIFACTS.



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1 THE CULTURE HAS NOT DIED. THE CULTURE IS STILL INTACT. AND IT
2 IS STILL ALIVE. AND THEY PASSED THESE SECRETS DOWN TO US FROM
3 GENERATION TO GENERATION. WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS THE DESECRATION
4 OF THE CULTURE ITSELF. NOW, USUALLY THOSE IN MY AGE GROUP,
5 THERE IS NOT TOO MANY THAT ARE SHOWING A BIG INTEREST IN THESE
6 TYPE OF THINGS. BUT THAT'S ON THE WAY. NOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW
7 MUCH POWER THIS BODY HAS TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES, BUT
8 WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR HONESTY IN EVERYTHING IN DECIDING WHAT
9 TO DO IN THIS SITUATION. THE INTELLECTUAL HONESTY, IT CAN'T BE
10 HIDDEN. IT CAN ONLY BE HIDDEN FOR SO LONG. AND THE EVIDENCES,
11 THERE IS NOT EVEN A CASE OF IF THESE WERE AFRICANS OR NOT.
12 THAT'S OPEN AND SHUT. AND IT IS SO OBVIOUS. SO WE ARE NOW
13 PRESENTING THIS AND HOPING THAT THIS BODY EXERCISE THE
14 INTELLECTUAL HONESTY. AND WHATEVER CHANGES ARE NECESSARY AND
15 WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE DONE TO RECTIFY THIS BLATANT ACT OF
16 DESTRUCTION WHILE WE ARE WATCHING IT, THAT THIS BE RATIFIED
17 AND SOLVED. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. ATER.

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21 **MATHU ATER:** I APPRECIATE HAVING YOU HERE TODAY. I'VE BEEN
22 TRAVELING TO MEXICO SINCE 1986. THE FIRST THING I WANT TO
23 CLEAR UP IS THAT THE OLMECS WERE NOT BLACKS. THE OLMEC
24 REPRESENTED A POPULATION OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE A PREHISTORY.
25 THEIR ANTECEDENTS GO BACK AT LEAST 3,000 YEARS B.C. BUT AT



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1 THAT PARTICULAR TIME AT 1200 IS WHEN THESE PARTICULAR HEADS IN
2 QUESTION MADE THEIR EXISTENCE THERE IN THE GULF COAST OF
3 MEXICO. AND WHAT THESE WERE WERE MONUMENTS TO A PEOPLE WHO
4 WERE VERY STRANGE TO THAT PARTICULAR CULTURE. AND THE HEADS
5 THERE ARE DECISIVELY NEGROID. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE CITE THAT
6 THAT THE OLMECS, YOU CAN'T SAY THE OLMECS WERE BLACK. THAT'S
7 LIKE SAYING ALL AMERICANS ARE WHITE. THERE ARE BLACK
8 AMERICANS, LATINO AMERICANS, ASIAN AMERICANS. THE OLMEC
9 POPULATION CONSISTED OF PEOPLE IN THAT PARTICULAR REGION UNTIL
10 THE ADVENT OF THESE PEOPLE. THIS HEAD HERE FROM -- BOTH OF
11 THESE HEADS ARE FROM TRES ZAPOTES. AND THIS PARTICULAR HEAD
12 WAS SIGHTED BY MATTHEW STERLING I THINK IN 1936. HE REFERRED
13 TO THIS HEAD AS JOE LEWIS BECAUSE THE HEAD RESEMBLED JOE LEWIS
14 AT THE TIME WHO WAS BLOCKING PEOPLE OUT LEFT AND RIGHT. AND
15 THIS PARTICULAR HEAD IS FROM THE TUKSLA, AND ALSO YOU SEE VERY
16 DECIDEDLY NEGROID. AND THIS HEAD ACTUALLY HAS BRAIDED HAIR IN
17 THE REAR OF THIS PARTICULAR HEAD. IT WAS INTERESTING TO CITE
18 THAT WHEN HE THESE HEADS MADE THEIR APPEARANCES IN THE
19 AMERICAS, THAT NOT ONLY DID YOU FIND THE DISTINGUISHING FACTOR
20 OF A SO-CALLED NEGROID FEATURE, BUT AN AFRICAN HAIR STYLE,
21 WHICH IS BRAIDS IN THE ASSOCIATION WITH THE HEAD. NOW WE KNOW
22 FOR A FACT THAT THE NUBIAN AND EGYPTIAN WARRIORS, THE
23 PHARAOH'S ARMIES, CONSISTED OF WARRIORS WHICH THEY CALL MOZAI.
24 AND THIS PARTICULAR NAME BECAME THE NAME OF THE AVERAGE
25 EGYPTIAN SOLDIER. THIS NUBIAN POPULATION POPULATED THE NAVAL



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1 FORCES OF THE NILE VALLEY, EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT THE
2 PARTICULAR PERIOD OF 1200 B.C. SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO CITE THAT
3 THE FIRST PEOPLE THAT SAID THAT BLACKS WERE IN AMERICA WERE
4 NOT BLACKS, THEY WERE ACTUALLY EUROPEANS. AND THIS IS A SIGNED
5 COPY OF UNEXPECTED FACES IN AMERICA BY DR. ALEXANDER VON
6 WUTHENOW. SAW HIM THE FIRST TIME AT COMPTON COLLEGE. AND ALSO
7 THAT IVAN VAN SERTIMA HAS EXTENSIVELY IN HIS BOOK, "THEY CAME
8 BEFORE COLUMBUS," CITED THAT THERE'S BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE
9 SHOWING THAT BLACKS CAME TO AMERICA. THEY HAD THE PLANTAINS
10 HERE AND PLANTAINS CAME TO AFRICA. THE ONLY WAY TO GET
11 PLANTAINS TO AMERICA WAS BY TRANSPORTATION. WE ALSO HAD
12 AFRICAN COTTON. WE HAD 13 CHROMOSOMES FROM THE OLD WORLD. 13
13 CHROMOSOMES FROM THE NEW WORLD. THEY TRIED EVERY POSSIBLE WAY
14 TO GET THAT COTTON TO AMERICA. THE ONLY WAY THEY FOUND THEY
15 COULD GET THE COTTON HERE WAS THROUGH HUMAN TRANSPORT. AND
16 FINALLY YOU HAD A GENTLEMAN BY THE NAME OF AUGUSTINE. IN 2003
17 I LED A TOUR DOWN TO MEXICO. AND HE SAID BRING MORE PEOPLE TO
18 MEXICO BECAUSE THESE HEADS ARE LONELY. HE SAID BRING BLACK
19 PEOPLE. MORE BLACK PEOPLE. MORE WHITE PEOPLE. BRING PEOPLE
20 HERE BECAUSE THESE HEADS ARE LONELY. EVERYONE GOES TO SEE THE
21 MAYAN, THE AZTEC, THE ZAPOTEC, BUT NO ONE COMES TO SEE THE
22 OLMEC, THE PARENT CIVILIZATION OF THE AMERICAS. AND BLACK
23 PEOPLE REPRESENTED A POPULATION THAT SHOWED UP IN 1200 B.C.
24 AND THESE ARE THE LARGEST MONUMENTS EVER BUILT IN ALL OF
25 MESOAMERICA DEVOTED TO THESE BLACK PEOPLE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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4 **MATHU ATER:** I'LL SUBMIT THESE TWO AS WELL.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SIR. CAN WE ALSO HAVE DAVID
7 SERRANO JOIN US ERIC PREVEN. MR. NEHEZ.

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9 **NEHEZ MENIOOTEH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. MY NAME IS NEHEZ
10 MENIOOTEH. I REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE EARTH
11 CENTER. TODAY'S DISCUSSION ON THE OLMEC HEADS, THE OLMEC
12 EXHIBIT AT L.A.C.M.A. IS NOT REALLY A QUESTION OF RACE. THE
13 IDENTITY OF THE OLMECS SCREAMS THROUGH THE LIPS OF THE OLMEC
14 HEADS. IF THERE WAS ANY INTEREST IN THE -- IN FINDING OUT THE
15 IDENTITY OF THE OLMECS, WE WOULD -- WE CAN GO TO THE ELDERS OF
16 THE AREA WHERE THE OLMEC HEADS ARE FOUND AND FIND OUT VERY
17 CLEARLY FROM THEM. THE REAL QUESTION HERE IS ABOUT HONESTY.
18 IT'S ABOUT INTELLECTUAL HONESTY. AND IT'S ABOUT IF WE IN
19 AMERICA ARE HONEST ABOUT OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM AND OUR SEARCH
20 FOR KNOWLEDGE. AT THIS POINT, WE SHOW THE WORLD THAT WE ARE
21 NOT. IT'S IRONIC THAT WE ARE EVEN HAVING THIS CONVERSATION IN
22 THE 11TH MONTH OF THE YEAR. NOVEMBER, A NAME FOR A MONTH THAT
23 MEANS THE NINTH MONTH OF THE YEAR. TWO DAYS BEFORE A HOLIDAY
24 THAT PEOPLE IN CIVILIZATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE LEAVING
25 BEHIND WITH THE REST OF THE MISTAKES THAT HUMANITY HAS MADE.



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1 THIS IS THE BIGGEST SITUATION THAT WE'RE FACING. FORCING THESE
2 TYPES OF DISCREPANCIES ONTO THE MINDS OF OUR YOUTH, ONTO OUR
3 OWN MINDS IS WHAT IS DESTROYING HUMAN INTELLIGENCE. AND RIGHT
4 NOW WE SEEM TO BE IN A SHIP THAT'S SINKING. AND NO ONE WANTS
5 TO GO AGAINST THE POLITICAL AGENDAS OF OUR FOREFATHERS OR OUR
6 OWN MODERN POLITICAL AGENDAS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. TO PUT
7 THE WELL BEING OF OUR CHILDREN IN THEIR MINDS AS A PRIORITY.
8 SO THE REAL QUESTION TODAY IS MORE ABOUT HONESTY. AND I JUST
9 ASK THAT ANY ONE OF YOU WHO HAVE POWER TO AFFECT THAT PLEASE
10 DO SO. I KNOW MYSELF AS REPRESENTING THE EARTH CENTER, I WILL
11 BE SURE TO DO THAT WITH MY CHILDREN. I'M NOT HERE TO ASK YOU
12 TO TEACH MY CHILDREN ABOUT MY ANCESTORS. I WILL BE SURE TO DO
13 THAT. BUT I AM ASKING YOU BECAUSE I, AS A HUMAN BEING CANNOT
14 SURVIVE ALONE, I'M ASKING YOU FOR THE SAKE OF YOURSELF AND THE
15 SAKE OF YOUR CHILDREN TO DO THE SAME TO PROTECT YOUR OWN
16 INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY AND YOUR OWN CHILDREN'S BRAINS. THANK
17 YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

22 ALTHOUGH UNAWARE OF WHAT THE LAST 15 SPEAKERS--

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOLD ON. MR. SACHS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL START YOUR TIME AGAIN.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST TELL YOU THAT L.A.C.M.A. IS IN
4 MY DISTRICT. I HAVE RECEIVED SOME COMMUNICATIONS PROBABLY FROM
5 SEVERAL OF YOU. I'VE ASKED THE EXECUTIVE TEAM AT L.A.C.M.A. TO
6 ENGAGE IN SOME FASHION. I APPRECIATE YOUR BEING HERE. IF
7 SOMEBODY WANTS TO -- IF THERE IS A LEADER OF THE GROUP OR A
8 POINT PERSON WE CAN CONTACT, I'D LIKE TO HAVE MY CHIEF OF
9 STAFF DO THAT. IF YOU CAN LEAVE US WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER
10 AND I'LL TRY TO ENGAGE A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE LEADERSHIP
11 AT THE MUSEUM AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR
12 YOUR ORGANIZATIONS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. AND WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY WAS THAT
17 NOT KNOWING, NOT BEING UP-TO-DATE ON EDUCATED ON WHAT THE
18 SPEAKERS WERE TALKING ABOUT BUT BEING HERE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
19 THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AGENDIZED L.A.C.M.A.'S SUPPORT FOR
20 THE WAGNER TRILOGY THAT THEY PUT ON AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS
21 CONCERNED ABOUT THE ANTI-SEMITIC CONTENT OF THE OPERAS? THAT
22 THE ITEMS THAT THESE SPEAKERS WERE TALKING ABOUT SHOULD AT
23 LEAST BE AGENDIZED ON THE COUNTY BOARD SO THAT IT CAN BE
24 DISCUSSED HERE. SO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY STEPPED UP, WHICH IS
25 KIND OF REMARKABLE. GET YOUR PENS AND PAPERS OUT. YOUR TIME TO



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1 WRITE A LETTER. I WAS AT THE CITY COUNCIL TODAY OF L.A. AND
2 THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, WELL FROM NOVEMBER 8 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11,
3 THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL CONGRESS OF CITIES AND
4 CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION WILL BE HELD IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA.
5 AND I THOUGHT THAT STRUCK A CHORD WITH ME BECAUSE PHOENIX,
6 ARIZONA IS IN ARIZONA. AND THAT'S WHERE YOU HAVE THE SO-CALLED
7 BOYCOTT THAT WAS CHAMPIONED BY L.A. CITY AND L.A. COUNTY. SO
8 YOU MIGHT WANT TO WRITE A LETTER TO THEM AND ASK THEM: ARE
9 THEY GOING? BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER SITUATION. IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT
10 METRO. BUT WE'LL GET THERE. YOU MIGHT HAVE READ ABOUT THIS
11 ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES, AND A PANEL MAY MONITOR SAFETY AT
12 L.A.X. TERMINAL UPGRADE. IT'S FROM NOVEMBER 17. AND IN IT, IS
13 INCLUSIVE A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE UPGRADES THAT THEY PLAN AT
14 L.A.X., \$10 BILLION WORTH OF UPGRADES. AND WHAT'S INTERESTING
15 AND WHY I POINT THIS OUT IS BECAUSE WHEN IT WAS FIRST
16 PUBLISHED, ANOTHER GRAND PLAN FOR L.A.X. BACK IN '08,
17 NOVEMBER, THE SAME PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THAT IT GREW A HUMP. THE
18 BRIDGE, THIS PASSENGER TERMINAL BRIDGE GOT EXTENDED BY ANOTHER
19 HUMP. THEY DOCTORED THE PHOTO. AND THEN THEY CLAIM THEY'RE NOT
20 GOING TO BUILD THE LAST SECTION OF THE RENOVATIONS. WELL,
21 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BUILD IT BECAUSE IT WAS NEVER ON THE
22 BLUEPRINTS. AND THAT'S \$10 BILLION OF FUNDING GOING ON AT
23 L.A.X. SO IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT METRO. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY
24 THIS: BELL LEADERSHIP IS UNDER FIRE FOR UNDOCUMENTED



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1 PAPERWORK. ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE UNDOCUMENTED. AND SO IS THE
2 GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. MR. PREVEN?

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6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, MY NAME IS --

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN?

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10 **ERIC PREVEN:** ARE YOU READY TO GO?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES.

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14 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, FINE. I'M SORRY, MADAM CHAIR. MR.

15 YAROSLAVSKY, HELLO. IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN ON THIS

16 TUESDAY. LAST WEEK WHEN I ADDRESSED THE BOARD, MR. YAROSLAVSKY

17 HAD SOME VERY STRONG WORDS FOR ME. AND THE THRUST OF HIS

18 PRESENTATION WAS THAT HE FELT THAT I WAS WASTING MY TIME BY

19 COMING DOWN HERE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HE ALSO INFORMED

20 ME THAT HE FELT THAT IT WAS NOT AN APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR MS.

21 ORDIN, ANDREA ORDIN, WHO IS THE COUNTY COUNSEL HERE IN LOS

22 ANGELES, TO ADDRESS A QUESTION, AS I THINK MR. KNABE, WAS TO

23 THE RATIONALE FOR OFFERING 20 PERCENT OF THE CLAIM THAT RUTH

24 PREVEN FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY IN EXCHANGE FOR ALL OF THE

25 TROUBLE AND DIFFICULTY THAT SHE HAS ENDURED. THERE WAS NO



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1 EXPLANATION. I'M ASSUMING THAT WAS THE ARBITRARY REASON FOR
2 THAT NUMBER. AND I GUESS I'M HERE PRETTY MUCH TO SAY THAT I
3 DON'T FEEL THAT I'M WASTING MY TIME. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU SEEM
4 TO HAVE SLIPPED BELOW YOUR MONITOR. ARE YOU THERE? SIR? IS HE
5 THERE? HE IS THERE. OKAY. WELL HE'S GOT SOMETHING ELSE TO LOOK
6 AT, WHICH IS FINE. HE DOESN'T WANT TO LOOK AT MR. PREVEN
7 ANYMORE. AND I GUESS NOBODY WANTS TO LOOK AT MR. PREVEN
8 ANYMORE. I KNOW MR. FUJIOKA DOES NOT WANT TO LOOK AT MR.
9 PREVEN ANYMORE. I THINK THE MAIN REASON THERE IS BECAUSE WHAT
10 HAS OCCURRED IN THIS CASE WHICH I HAVE BEEN OVER A NUMBER OF
11 TIMES, BUT I WILL JUST DO A SHORT SUMMARY BECAUSE I'VE ONLY
12 HAVE A MINUTE AND A HALF LEFT, IS THAT THERE WAS A DUE PROCESS
13 VIOLATION, OKAY? IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS NOT GUARANTEED TO ONE
14 OF THE COUNTY RESIDENTS, MS. ORDIN, YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE
15 BAR, SO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. THAT MEANS THAT SHE WAS NOT
16 GIVEN THE HEARING THAT SHE IS ENTITLED TO UNDER THE LAW. THEN
17 WHAT HAPPENED WAS I CAME DOWN HERE AFTER WE TRIED TO GET SOME
18 OF THE MONEY BACK FOR ALL OF THE COSTS AND EFFORT THAT WAS PUT
19 INTO TRYING TO FREE THE ANIMALS THAT WERE HELD FOR SIX MONTHS.
20 THAT WAS THE DUE PROCESS VIOLATION, WE WANTED THE HEARING TO
21 GET THE ANIMALS OUT. AND WHAT OCCURRED, WHAT OCCURRED ON
22 OCTOBER 15 IS A SHOCKER. IT'S A SHOCKER TO ANY PUBLIC
23 OFFICIAL. IT'S GOT TO BE. YOU ALL SAW THE VIDEOTAPE, MR.
24 KNABE. YOUR OFFICE IS THE ONLY OFFICE I BELIEVE THAT
25 RESPONDED. THANK YOU FOR THAT. MR. NAVAREZ DID CONFIRM THAT HE



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1 RECEIVED IT. BUT NOBODY CONFIRMED THAT THEY VIEWED THE DVD.
2 MS. ORDIN DID YOU VIEW THE DVD OF RUTH PREVEN WHEN THEY TRIED
3 TO ARREST HER AND TAKE HER ANIMALS AWAY AS A RETALIATION FOR
4 MY COMING DOWN HERE TO TALK ABOUT DUE PROCESS? MR. ANTONOVICH,
5 I KNOW YOU'RE AN ANIMAL LOVER, DID YOU GET A CHANCE -- YOU DID
6 VIEW IT. OKAY. WELL I APPRECIATE THAT SIR. BECAUSE IT'S NOT A
7 GREAT PIECE OF TV ART OR ANYTHING BUT IT TELLS THE STORY. AND
8 SHE REFERENCES MS. ORDIN AND IT'S CLEAR WHAT HAPPENED. THERE'S
9 10 SECONDS LEFT. SO WHAT CAN I SAY? I CAN ONLY SAY THAT I WILL
10 COME HERE UNTIL THIS IS RESOLVED. AND I KNOW THAT YOU PEOPLE
11 KNOW WHAT'S GONE ON. I KNOW IT BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE LITTLE
12 PEOPLE -- AND WHEN I SAY LITTLE PEOPLE, I MEAN THE EMPLOYEES
13 WHO ACTUALLY PERPETRATED.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. MISS PANG, ARE YOU
16 HERE? THANK YOU, SIR. YOUR TIME IS UP. YES. MISS PANG? MR.
17 SERRANO?

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19 **DAVID SERRANO:** IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF
20 THE HIGH SPIRIT, AMEN. THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE GOD ALMIGHTY,
21 AMEN. YAHWEH, ELOHIM IS THE TRUTH. YAHWEH, YESHUA, MACHIACH,
22 IS THE TRUTH. GOD IS THE TRUTH, AMEN. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS
23 THE TRUTH, AMEN. LORD GOD ALMIGHTY JESUS CHRIST IS COMING TO
24 JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD ON THE GREAT DAY OF GOD
25 ALMIGHTY, AMEN. I'M NOT BRINGING ABOUT ARMAGEDDON. ARMAGEDDON



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1 IS INEVITABLE. ARMAGEDDON HAPPENS BECAUSE EVIL PEOPLE REFUSE
2 TO LOVE THE TRUTH. EVIL PEOPLE HATE THE TRUTH. AND BECAUSE
3 EVIL PEOPLE REFUSE TO DO ANYTHING WHATSOEVER TO MAKE THE TRUTH
4 KNOWN. THAT'S WHY IT HAPPENS. AMEN. CHRISTIANS ASCEND INTO THE
5 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AMEN. IN THE HOLY BIBLE THE APOCALYPSE
6 PROPHESED THAT THE BIGGEST EARTHQUAKE SINCE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
7 ON EARTH WILL HAPPEN IN THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT IN THE MONTH OF
8 MAY, DESTROYING LARGE AREAS OF L.A. AND SAN BERNARDINO
9 COUNTIES. IN THE APOCALYPSE, THE PROPHECY ABOUT THE
10 APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE ON THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT IN MAY IS
11 SEVENTH SEA, THEN THE ANGEL OF CHAPTER 10, THEN THE 7TH
12 TRUMPET. THEN THE SIXTH BOWL. THEN THE SEVENTH BOWL. AND THEN
13 THE SIXTH SEAL. THESE ARE INDIVIDUAL PROPHECIES ABOUT THE SAME
14 EVENT. WHILE COLLECTIVELY THEY PROPHESED THIS CATASTROPHIC
15 EVENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, THE FORT TEJON QUAKE IN 1857 WAS THE
16 LAST GREAT EARTHQUAKE ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SAN ANDREAS
17 FAULT. A MAGNITUDE 7.9 EVENT WHICH RUPTURED MORE THAN 225
18 MILES OF THE FAULT WITH HORIZONTAL DISPLACEMENT UP TO 9 METERS
19 BUT THE SOUTHERNMOST SEGMENT OF THE FAULT HAS NOT RUPTURED IN
20 MORE THAN 300 YEARS. APOCALYPSE 8 PROPHESED WHEN THE LAMB
21 OPENED THE SEVENTH SEAL THERE WAS SILENCE IN HEAVEN FOR ABOUT
22 HALF AN HOUR. ON THE FACE OF A CLOCK THERE ARE 12 HOURS. THERE
23 ARE 12 MONTHS IN A YEAR. ABOUT HALF AN HOUR IS THE MINUTE HAND
24 ON THE FIVE. MAY IS THE FIFTH MONTH. AND WHEN THE APOCALYPTIC
25 EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS IN MAY, THERE WILL BE A GIANT STORM,



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1 THUNDER AND HEAVY HAIL. AND WHEN THE APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE
2 HAPPENS ON THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT IN MAY, THERE WILL BE MANY
3 METERS OF HORIZONTAL DISPLACEMENT. THUS THE SAN GABRIEL, SAN
4 BERNARDINO, AND SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS WILL BE MOVED OUT OF
5 PLACE. AND THE ISLANDS OFF THE COAST WILL BE MOVED OUT OF
6 PLACE. AND THERE WILL BE CATAclySMIC LANDSLIDES THROUGHOUT THE
7 SANTA MONICA, SAN GABRIEL, AND SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS. WHOLE
8 MOUNTAINSIDES WILL COME CRASHING DOWN AND ENTIRE CITIES WILL
9 BE DESTROYED. THESE LANDSLIDES WILL MAKE THE LA CONCHITA
10 LANDSLIDE IN VENTURA COUNTY LOOK VERY SMALL BY COMPARISON. THE
11 HOLLYWOOD HILLS WILL BE DESTROYED. HOLLYWOOD STARS FALL FROM
12 HEAVEN TO EARTH WHILE A FIG TREE DROPPING ITS UNRIPE FRUIT
13 REPRESENTS THE BIG JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF THE SANTA MONICA
14 MOUNTAINS. AND THEY FALL, TOO. AND ALL THIS CATAclySMIC
15 DESTRUCTION WILL CAUSE GIANT CLOUDS OF SMOKE, DUST, DIRT AND
16 DEBRIS THAT SHALL RISE INTO THE SKY BLOCKING OUT THE SUNLIGHT
17 WHILE WORKING WITH THE STORM TO BLOCK OUT THE SUNLIGHT AMEN.
18 JESUS IS THE JUDGE ON JUDGMENT DAY, AMEN.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS PANG?

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22 **IRENE PANG:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYBODY. I AM IRENE.
23 I'M CONCERNED -- AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF OUR NATION.
24 BUT -- AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY HAVE BEEN HARMED AND ATTEMPT TENT
25 BY THE REVELATIONS. MY FAMILY PROPERTY, SOME LOCATED IN 11635



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1 AND 11637 ON VALLEY IN EL MONTE HAS BEEN ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED
2 YEARS IN VIOLATION TO MY FAMILY MEMBERS EVEN THOUGH PHYSICAL
3 TENT. TO MY PHYSICAL TENT TO MY TWO BROTHERS FAMILY MEMBERS.
4 AND EVEN THOUGH MYSELF WHEN I PARK MY CAR IN THE 11635, MY
5 FAMILY OWN PROPERTY, THEY GIVE ME THE CITATION PARKING AND
6 ALSO I HAD TO GIVE CRIMINAL RECORD AND THEIR CRIMINAL -- AND
7 PUT ON ME. -- THE INVESTIGATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND COUNTY
8 AND INVESTIGATION THE PROPERTY AND RETURN TO MY BROTHERS'
9 FAMILY. ALSO THE CASE -- HOUSING FOR THE CRIMINAL OF --
10 ADDITION THE TEN CITATIONS IN A FEW MONTHS EVEN THOSE THE
11 SITUATION WILL NOT FIT MY CASE. HELD IN THE EL MONTE COURT. I
12 SUED THOSE CITATIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT. ON THE
13 OCTOBER 25 THIS YEAR. AND THIS IS A PROCESS SIMILAR APPEAL TO
14 THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT. BUT EL MONTE COURT STILL
15 CONTINUOUSLY HELD THEIR CITATIONS CASE ON. EVEN THOUGH I
16 APPLIED THE -- TO THE LAW STOP THE CONTINUOUS CASE HELD IN EL
17 MONTE COURT IN THE NOVEMBER 30 THIS YEAR AND DECEMBER THIS
18 YEAR AND THE JANUARY NEXT YEAR. EL MONTE COURT HAD NOT CHANGED
19 THOSE EITHER PROCEDURE. I EXPRESSED EL MONTE COURT SPREAD TO
20 THOSE OTHERS LAW EXECUTE AUTHORITY IN THE OTHER COURT. BY THE
21 WAY, I LIKE TO SAY I LIKE THAT THOSE PERSONS 10 YEARS AGO THEY
22 MENTIONED ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHT --

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.



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1 **IRENE PANG:** I LIKE THEM TO RESPECT TO THE HUMAN RIGHT BECAUSE
2 MY BROTHER IS THE CLOSING.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICER READ US INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THANK YOU, MA'AM.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
8 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
9 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE
10 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO
11 LITIGATION, ONE CASE AND ITEM NO. CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
12 COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS
13 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON NOVEMBER 23, 2010**

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5 Item CS-1 was continued one week to November 30, 2010.

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7 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

8 (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

9 Initiation of Litigation (one case) (10-2778)

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11 The Board approved the corrective action plan for the matter
12 entitled Ana Jimenez-Salgado v. County of Los Angeles. The
13 vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being
14 present.

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